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OF THE

COUNCIL OF SAFETY

OF THE

STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

Compliments of

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Volume I.

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

JOHN CLEVES SYMMES.
WILLIAM PATERSON.
NATHANIEL SCUDDER.
THEOPHILUS ELMER.
SILAS CONDICT.
JOHN HART.
JOHN MEHELM.
SAMUEL DICK.
JOHN COMBS.
CALEB CAMP.
EDMUND WETHERBY.
BENJAMIN MANNING.

Haddonfield March 18th 1.777.

Pursuant to the Power and Authority given, in and by an Act of the Council and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, intitled "An Act for investing the Governor and a Council consisting of twelve, with certain powers therein mentioned for a limited Time," The Governor and Council of Safety met;

Present.
His Excellency the Governor,
Mr Symmes
Mr Paterson
Mr Scudder
Mr Hart
Mr Mehelm.
Mr Dick
Mr Combs
Mr Camp
Mr Manning

The Board was informed that Captain Walton was attending in Town, with a number of Prisoners, which he had brought from Monmouth; and by some papers laid before the Board, it appeared that some of the said Prisoners were taken in a Boat going from Philadelphia to New York.

The said Prisoners taken in a Boat, being six in number, were called in and examined, and it appearing that they belong to the State of Pennsylvania, the Councill advised His Excellency to order Captain Walton to conduct them to Philadelphia and deliver them to the Order of the Councill of Safety of Pennsylvania, together with a State of the Evidence obtained in the course of the Examination.

The Board adjourned till 3 o'clock P. M.

The Govr & Council of Safety met pursuant to adjournment.

The Intervention of the Legislative Council prevented the entering on business.

The Board adjourned till 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

March

March 19. 1.777.

The Governor & Council of Safety met.

Present
His Excellency the Governor,

Mr Symmes	Mr Dick
Mr Scudder	Mr Camp.
Mr Hart.	

The Board entered upon the Examination of the Prisoners sent to Haddonfield, some Time since, by General Putnam. Abraham Briton, Jonathan Forman, & Robert Barns having been examined, took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance, as by Law appointed, and were discharged.

Jacob Roter, and Joseph Hornor, having been examd took the said Oaths, and were discharged in like Manner.

Anthony Woodward, son of William, having been examined, being one of the People called Quakers, took Affirmations to the Effect of the Oaths above mentioned, and entered into Recognizance with David Hurley his Surety in £300 Each, before Mr Justice Symmes, for his appearance at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer, to be held in the County of Monmouth, & in the meanTime to be of good Behaviour; and was thereupon dismissed.

Moses Ivins, being examined, acknowledged that he had given Bond to the late Convention in £500 conditioned for his good Behaviour towards the State, and having entered into Recognizance with Abraham Briton his surety, in £300 each to appear &c as in the Case of Anthony Woodward, was dismissed.

The Board adjourned till 3 o'clock P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Isaac Rogers, Abner Rogers, John Coperthwaite, William Emley Junr Samuel Emley, Bickley Steward, and Richard Huntley of Upper Freehold, and George Brewer of Shrewsbury were brought in and examined; they generally declared that they were of the People called Quakers, and averse to bearing Arms on that account, but that they were willing to take the Affirmations to the State; they severally took and subscribed Affirmations to the Effect of the Oaths to the State and were discharged.

Ordered,

That the Prisoners lately ordered to be brought from Frederick

erick Town in Maryland and lodged in the Gaol of the County of Salem, be conducted under Guard to Bordentown, so as to be there by Wednesday next, or as soon after as may be convenient; and that Coll. Dick be desired to detach so many of the Militia of his Battalion as may be necessary to carry this Order into Execution.

An account of Captain Elisha Walton for subsisting a Guard and six Prisoners belonging to Pennsylvania, at & from Haddonfield to Philadelphia on the 18th & 19th Instant, amounting to £4 7s. 6d. was laid before the Board. Ordered that the same be paid.

The Board adjourned till Wednesday next, the 26th Inst. then to meet at Bordentown.

Bordentown March 26. 1.777

The Governor & Members of the Council of Safety met, pursuant to adjournment.

Present.
His Excellency the Governor.
Mr Symmes
Mr Hart
Mr Manning.

There not being a Quorum to proceed to Business, Adjourned till tomorrow.

Thursday, March 27 1.777

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Present.
His Excellency the Governor.
Mr Symmes
Mr Scudder
Mr Hart
Mr Manning

There not being yet a Quorum, adjourned till Tomorrow.

Friday, March 28th, 1.777

Met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present,
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Symmes,
Mr Scudder,
Mr Hart
Mr Dick,
Mr Manning,

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His Excellency was pleased to lay before the Board a letter from Israel Shreeve Esq^r Colonel of the Second Battalion of Continental Troops raised in this State, by which it appears that Charles Axford, who was appointed Quarter-Master to the said Battalion, on the 4th February last hath not joined the Regiment and that the Colonel hath not seen nor heard from him since his Appointment, and supposes he hath declined; that on his Arrival at Princeton the necessity of having so useful an Officer obliged him to apply to the General to appoint one in Orders, when Benajah Osmun, a very suitable person was appointed; and that the Colonel with the Regiment pray he may be continued: And it appearing to the Board, from the said letter and from other information, that the said Charles Axford hath not accepted the said office,

Benajah Osmun was appointed Quarter Master to the said Second Battalion.

The Board adjourned till 9 O'clock tomorrow Morning.

Saturday, March 29 1.777.

The Board met,

Present as before.

The Board proceeded to the Examination of Thomas Groom, Morgan John, Joseph Groom & John Ashton, four Prisoners sent by General Putnam, having been apprehended & brought to him, as Persons suspected and disaffected to the State; & the whole Forenoon being taken up with that & some incidental Business, the Board adjourned till 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Saturday, P. M. 29th March 1.777

The Board met, pursuant to adjournment.

Present—as before.

Morgan John & John Ashton, two of the four prisoners above mentioned were discharged, by the Board, on their taking the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance to this state.

The Board then proceeded to examine Major Seabrook respecting three Prisoners who were sent in March last to Frederic in Maryland, & now returned to this Stat, viz^t Benjamin Wilson, William Valentine & John Jones; & tho' it appeared that they went on Board a Vessel of the Enemy in Distress, & without orders, yet that it was not with Intent to assist the Enemy nor of injuring the State, they were discharged upon taking the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance.

M^r Paterson attended and took his Seat at the Board.

Resolved.

Resolved. That his Excellency the Governor draw on the Treasurer for the sum of Three Hundred Pounds in part of the sum of One Thousand Pounds for which he is authorized to draw by the Act instituting the Councill of Safety, and then the Board adjourned to Monday next at 9 o'clock.

Monday March 31st 1.777

The Board met.

Present
His Excellency the Governor

Mr Symmes	Mr Dick
Mr Scudder	Mr Manning
Mr Paterson	

Ordered that Thomas Watson Esqr be sent to be examined respecting his having taken a Protection from the Enemy. Mr Watson accordingly attended and was examined.

Ordered, that Captn Arnold be directed to send two of his Light horse to attend the Council of Safety, and Directions were given accordingly.

Ordered, that John Pope and William Newbolt be subpoenad as Witnesses against Thomas Watson, and then the Board adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

Monday, P. M. 31 March

The Board met pursuant to adjournment

Present—as before.

Ordered, that John Lawrence Esqr of Burlington be desired to attend this Board.

The witnesses against the prisoners not being yet arrived, and there being no business before the Board, adjourned till tomorrow 9 O'clock.

Tuesday 1 April 1.777

The Board met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—as before.

John Butler was examined as a witness against Thomas Watson, and his Affidavit taken in writing.

James Cox, Junr examined in like manner.

The Board adjourned till 3 O'clock this afternoon.

Tuesday P. M. 1 April 1.777

The Board met according to Adjournment.

Present—as before—

William Newbolt attended and was examined as a Witness against Thomas Watson

John Pope examined in like manner—and then the Board adjourned tomorrow 9 O'clock,

Wednesday, 2nd April 1.777

The Board met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present, as before—

Mr Randolph, examined as a Witness against Joseph Salter.

Ordered, That Isaac Potter & Daniel Griggle subpoena'd as witnesses against Joseph Salter.

Mr Savage, was examined as a Witness against Joseph Salter.

John Lawrence Esqr attended the Council & was examined, and then the Board adjourned to 3 O'clock this afternoon.

Wednesday, P. M. 2nd April 1.777

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present, as before.

His Excellency laid before the Board, the Resolution of Congress of the 14th January last, respecting the Commissioners of the Loan Office, and the Auditor General's letter of the 30th of the same month, for their sense of that part of the letter respecting the Payment and Subsistence of the Continental Troops Stationed in the State, which the Board delivered.

The rest of the afternoon was taken up in administ'ring the Oaths to the State.

Adj'd till tomorrow 9 o'clock.

Thursday, 3rd April 1.777

Met according to adj't.

Present, as before.

His Excellency laid before the Council a Memorial from John Van Anglin, which was read, setting forth, That the Memorialist is a first Lt in the first Jersey Regiment raised in this State during the War; That two Junior Officers in the said Regiment have in the Arrangement made by the Field-Officers been

been placed over his Head, and praying that his case may be taken into Consideration, and his Rank properly adjusted—

Ordered, That the above Memorial be referred to the Council & Assembly in Joint Meeting convened.

Ordered, That Subpoenas be issued to cite Thomas Phar, & Joseph Lawrence Esq^r to appear before the Council on Saturday next at 10 o'clock in the Forenoon to bear testimony against John Lawrence J^r of Burlington.

Ordered, That Subpoenas be issued to cite Abraham Hendricks, Peter Imlay and Mary Davison to be before the Council on Saturday next at 10 o'clock in the Forenoon to give Evidence against John Lawrence Sen^r

Testimonials from Gen^l Dickinson and Gen^l Heard certifying That Doct^r Hendry had served as Surgeon to a Brigade of Militia, that he had also acted as Director & Superintendent of an Hospital, and recommending that he should be allowed a Compensation adequate to such extraordinary Services, were read and referred to the Hon^ble Congress—

The Council adj'd till 3 o'clock P. M.

Met according to Adj^t

A letter from Gen^l Heard respecting the Battalion under the Command of Col. Beavers in Hunterdon and such persons as had taken Protections & refuse to deliver them up; and also respecting certain disaffected Persons in Sussex, who were enlisting Men for the Service of the Enemy, was read;

Agreed, That the Governor write Col Beavers, and desire him to convene the Companies in his Battalion, for the Purpose of Electing Officers &c—

Agreed, that such of the Magistrates in Somerset, as live nearest to Gen^l Heard be written to, and desired to convene before them such Persons as have taken Protections, and to tender them the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance.

Agreed, That General Heard be directed to detach a File of Men to apprehend the Persons referred to in his Letter; and in Order the more effectually to take them, to consult certain Persons in the County of Sussex, who will give the necessary aid & Assistance.

Garrat Covenhoven, Thomas Wolley, Charles Lucas, John Davidson & Zachariah Sickles, Inhabitants of the County of Monmouth, and apprehended by Co^l Forman in virtue of an Order from his Ex^cy Gen^l Washington, appeared before the Council, & took the Oaths to Governm^t as established by an Act of the Legislature, and were thereupon discharged;

Adjourned till ToMorrow Mor^ng 9 o'clock.

Friday,

Friday, April 4th 1.777

The Council Met.

Present—as before—

A petition from the Field and other Officers in the County of Monmouth was read, setting forth that certain persons acted as Commissioners under Lord and General How, and granted Protections and administered the Oath of Allegiance to the King of Great Britain, while the enemy were in the County aforesaid, and praying that such persons may be taken Notice of, and dealt with according to Law—

Hezekiah Wood of Bordentown, appeared before the Council and took the Oaths to Governmente

Jacob Lawrie of Bordentown appeared before the Council, delivered up his Protection, and being one of the people called Quakers, took the Affirmations to Governmt

Ordered, That Precepts be issued to apprehend and bring before the Council the following Persons, Samuel Burling, Thomas P. Hewlings, Colin Campbell, John Taylor, John Wardell, John Laurence Sr, James Grover, Joseph Saltar, Edmund Williams, Robert Hartshorn, Esek Hartshorn, Daniel Hendrickson, Middletown, Henry Waddelle, Joseph Leonard, Doctre John Laurence, Robert Cooke, William Guisbertson, & Thomas Thompson.

Ordered, That Richard Waln & Daniel Ellis be summoned to take the Oaths to Government,

Adjd till 3 O'clock P. M.

Met according to Adjt

Ordered, That Subpoenas be issued to warn Gilbert Barton & William Laurence to appear before the Council, & give Evidence against John Lawrence Senr

The Remainder of the Afternoon was taken up in Hearing & Examining Certain disaffected Persons from the County of Monmouth.

Adjd till ToMorrow Morng 9 O'clocke.

Saturday, April 5th, 1.777

The Council met—

Present as before.

Benjamin Baird Esqre first Major in the Second Battalion of Foot Militia in the County of Somerset, having deceased, and Enos Kelsey Esq Second Major in the same Battalion having resigned his Commission on Account of his being appointed to the office of D. Q. Master, and Commissary, The Council proceeded to the Choice of Major's for the said Battalion, when Peter

Peter D. Vroom was duly Elected 1st Major, and William Verbryck 2nd Major in the Battalion aforesaid—

Thomas Farr appeared before the Board, & gave Evidence ag't John Laurence of Burlington, and his Testimony reduced to writing.

Joseph Laurence Esqr appeared before the Board, and gave Evidence agt John Laurence of Burlington; Mr Peter Imlay likewise appeared & gave Evidence agts John Laurence Senr of Monmouth; Agreed, That Mr Justice Symmes be directed to take the Recognizance of the afsd Jos Laurence & Peter Imlay &c &c

Mr William Laurence, in Pursuance of a Subpoena, appeared before the Board, and gave evidence against John Laurence Senr which was reduced to Writing, &c,

Adjd till 3 O'clock P. M.

Met according to Adjt.

Mary Davison, appeared before the Board, and was examined.

Abraham Hendricks, appeared before the Board, and was on Oath examined respecting John Laurence, Senr, & his examination set down in Writing.

Gilbert Barton appeared, & was examined under Oath respecting John Laurence Senr which Examination was reduced to writing—

Adjourned to Monday Morning 9 O'clock.

Monday, April 7th 1.777

Met pursuant to Adjt

Present
His Excellency the Governor.

Mr Symmes,	Mr Dick
Mr Paterson,	Mr Manning

There not being a Quorum to proceed to Business, adjourned till 3 O'clock P. M.

Present
His Excellency the Governor

Mr Symmes	Mr Dick
Mr Scudder	Mr Manning
Mr Paterson	

Isaac Potter & Daniel Griggs appeared and were examined under Oath respecting Joseph Saltar, and their Examination reduced to writing—

John Jones, Samuel Heath, Ephraim Drake Harris, and John Harris, who were apprehended & sent to Philad^a by Gen^l Putnam, were ordered before the Board, & being examined took the Oaths of abjuration & allegiance as Established by the Legislature of this State; and were thereupon discharged.

Adj^d till ToMorrow Morn'^g 9 O'clock.

Tuesday April 8^th 1.777

The Council met,

Present—as before,

Joseph Saltar was called before the Board and informed of the Charge exhibited against him under Oath; and being heard respecting the same was ordered to withdraw.

Ordered that Joseph Saltar be committed, whereupon his Mittimus was drawn directed to the Keeper of the Gaol of Burlington.

Samuel Burling & Thomas P. Hewlings appeared before the Board, & informed of the Charges exhibited against them, and being heard respecting the same the further Consideration thereof was deferred till the Afternoon.

Adj'd till 3 o'clock in the Afternoon.

Met accor^dg to Adj'^t.

Samuel Burling, Thomas P. Hewlings, and Colin Campbell, appeared before the Board, and refusing to take the Oaths to the State, but being willing to be bound with Sureties, for their Appearance at the next Court of Quarter Sessions, of the Peace for the County of Burlington; the Board gave them Time, until Friday next, to procure Sureties for the Purpose aforesaid—

Daniel Ellis, who was summoned to be before the Board, & to take the Oaths to Government, did accordingly appear, and refusing to take the Oaths, was indulged, at his request, until Friday next, in order to provide Sureties for his Appearance at the next Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Burlington.

William Harley, Thomas Pollock, John Mee & John Lee, Persons apprehended & sent to Philad^a were ordered before the Board, and being examined, took the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance as established by the Legislature of this State, and were thereupon discharged.

The petition of William & Matthew Paterson was read, setting forth That the Petitioners are Natives of Ireland, in which Kingdom they have considerable Freehold Estates; that they

they have signed the Association, and been enrolled in Captn Green's Company of Militia, that they should with Cheerfulness turn out in Defence of the State; provided it would not endanger their Property, or subject it to Forfeiture, and praying that the Board would take their Case into Consideration and afford them Relief in the Premises—

Ordered, That the said Petition lie on the Table.

Nathaniel Lewis appeared before the Board, and was examined touching the Charge exhibited against Thomas Watson, & his Recognizance taken by Mr Justice Symmes for his Appearance as a Witness at the next Court of General Gaol Delivery for the County of Burlington.

Adj'd till ToMorrow Morng 9 O'clock.

Wednesday, April 9th 1.777

The Council met.

Present
His Excellency the Governor

Mr Symmes.	Mr Dick
Mr Scudder.	Mr Manning
Mr Paterson	Mr Combes

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of New Ark in the County of Essex was read, setting forth, That some of the most inveterate Tories remained after the enemy were fled, had been apprehended & sent to Head Quarters; but through Multiplicity of Business or Want of Evidence have been discharged, and on returning Home, threaten such as had accused and taken them up; that some who have fled with the Enemy, have left their Families and Estates, the latter of which is daily conveyed away by the former, for Want of proper Authority to secure them; That many Persons who have refused to comply with General Washington's Proclamation, remain at Home without any Molestation or doing any kind of Duty; and praying that the Premises may be taken under Consideration, and some adequate Remedy applied.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Legislature—

Ordered, That Warrts of Commitmt be issued agt John Laurence & Thos Watson, charged with High Treason &c. &

Captain Jacob Oliphan of the 2nd Burlington Regiment of Militia desired Leave to resign his Commission on Account of his

his Ill State of Health, & the Board accepted his resignation.—

Thomas Reynolds Esq^r was appointed by the Board, Col. of the 2^nd Battalion of Militia in the County of Burlington.

The Officers of the said Battalion having recommended Joseph Haight as Lieut Col, Thomas Fenimore as 1^st Major and Joseph Budd as 2^nd Major thereof, their respective Commissions were accordingly made out & delivered to Col Haight.

David M^cDonald & Thomas Parent, Persons apprehended & sent to Philad^a were ordered before the Board, and being examined, took the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance as established by the Legislature of this State, and were thereupon discharged.

Adjourned till ToMorrow morning, 9 O'clock.

Thursday, April 10^th 1.777

The Council met.

Present as before—

Robert Ellison, John Mildrum, Jacob Cummins & Jacob Goodwin, Inhabitants of the County of Sussex, apprehended by order of Gen^l Heard, were sent to this Place under Guard, on suspicion of aiding & abetting the Enemy, and conspiring against the Government.

Ordered That Jacob Goodwin, be brought before the Board for Examination.

Gen^l Heard's letter respecting the above Persons was read & filed.

Jacob Goodwin appeared, was examined & ordered back to Prison.

M^r Muckleroy of Burlington cited to appear before the Board as a Witness against Sam^l Burling.

M^r Helm of Burlington cited to appear before the Board without delay.

Ordered, That John Carty of Burlington, be cited to appear before the Board.

William North and John North, two Prisoners who had been confined in the Gaol at Philad^a appeared before the Board, and were examined; The Decision of their case deferred.

Adj'd till 3 O'clock in the afternoon.

Met according to Adj'^t

The Examination of Abraham Hendricks ag^st Jesse Woodward

ward taken and reduced to Writing : Agreed, That M^r^ Justice Symmes take the Recognizance of the said Hendricks for his Appearance as a Witness at the next Court of General Gaol Delivery for the County of Monmouth.

Ordered, That Warr^ts^ of Commitment be made out against Francis Jones and Moses Mount, directed to the Keeper of the Gaol for the County of Burlington, charged with being guilty of misdemeanors—

His Excellency laid before the Board a Message from Sam^l^ Burling informing, That M^r^ Helm was confined to his Chamber being much indisposed, but should wait upon the Council as soon as his Health should permit.

John Jones' examination taken ags^t^ Benjamin Helm.

Ordered, That Isaac Imlay and W^m^ Imlay be cited as Witnesses ag^ts^ Jesse Woodward, now in confinement in this Place.

Adj'd till ToMorrow Morn^g^ 9 O'clock.

Friday, April 11^th^ 1.777

The Council met,

Present—as before—

Ordered, That Thomas Fowler be brought before the Board for Examination ; The said Fowler appeared, was examined, and Notes taken thereof.

Cap^t^ Webb, who holds an office under the King of Great Britain, appeared pursuant to Citation, and being heard, the Board agreed, That M^r^ Webb be allowed fourteen Days to settle his Affairs, and then to remove to the Enemy with a Flag—

M^r^ Muckleroy appeared and was examined touching the Conduct of Samuel Burling.

William North & John North were again called before the Board, & took the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance as Established by the Legislature of this State ; and were thereupon discharged.

John Carty of Burlington appeared before the Board, agreeable to summons, and refusing to take the Oaths to Government, but being willing to enter into Recognizance, with Surety, for his Appearance at the next Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Burlington ; the said John Carty did accordingly enter into Recognizance with Archibald Muckleroy, his Surety, in £100 Each, before the Governor & Council, for his Appearance at the next Court of General

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Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Burlington, and in the mean time to be of Good Behaviour, and was thereupon dismissed.

Alexander Montgomery appeared before the Board, and his examination, under Oath, respecting Jesse Woodward taken in Writing, Mr Montgomery Entered into Recognizance before Mr Justice Symmes, for his Appearance as a Witness against the said Woodward at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery to be held for the County of Monmouth.

Samuel Burling entered into Recognizance with William Smith his surety in £300 Each, before the Governor and Council, for his Appearance at the next Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Burlington, and in the meanTime to be of Good Behaviour & was thereupon dismissed,—

Thomas P. Hewlings entered into Recognizance with Abraham Hewlings his Surety in £300 Each, before the Governor and Council, for his Appearance at the next Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Burlington, and in the meantime to be of good Behaviour, and was thereupon dismised.

Daniel Ellis entered into Recognizance with Wm Smith, his Surety, in £300 Each, &c as above.

Colin Campbell entered into Recognizance with Abraham Hewlings his Surety, in £300 Each, &c, as above.

Adj'd till 3 O'clock in the afternoon.

Met according to Adjt

Ordered, That Michael Mount be cited to be and appear before the Board as a Witness agt Jesse Woodward.

John Cleayton, Green Cooke, and Samuel Odell, Persons apprehended & sent to Philada, were ordered before the Board, and, being examined, took the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance as Established by the Legislature of this state and were thereupon dismissed.

Nathan Allen, who was apprehended & sent to Philada, was ordered before the Board, and examined, and being one of the People called Quakers, took Affirmations to the Effect of the Oaths of the State, and was accordingly discharged.

Robert Ellison, of Sussex, was brought before the Board, & Examined touching the Plot & Combination in Sussex, and Notes taken of his Examination.

Adj'd till ToMw Morng 9 O'clock.

Saturday,

Saturday, April 12th 1.777.

The Council met,

Present, as before.

Mr Camp appeared in Council & took his seat at the Board—

William Imlay was examined as a Witness against Richard Robbins & Jesse Woodward.

Mr Savage laid before the Board a Resolution of Congress in the Words following vizt

In Congress April 8. 1.777

"Resolved that it be recommended to the Governor & "Council of Safety of New Jersey not to call into the field "such part of their Militia not exceeding Forty as are necessarily Employed in the Salt Works now erecting in their "State by the Governor of Pennsylvania, provided it be not "inconsistent with the laws of that State— Extract from the Minutes. Charles Thomson, Secy."

To which the Board returned the following answer at the Bottom of the said Extract—

"The Exemption above recommended is inconsistent with "the Militia Law of this State, but if the Government of Pennsylvania will carry on the said Works with Inhabitants of "their own Commonwealth, care shall be taken to have them "exempted as above, (tho' they will also be liable to be called "into the field by the said Act as it now stands, as becoming "by their residence here, subjects of this State to that purpose" Wil. Livingston."

Isaac Imlay appeared before the Board & was examined. The said Imlay entered into Recognizance before Mr Justice Symmes for his Appearance at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery of the County of Monmouth, as a Witness agst Jessee Woodward.

Samuel Lippencut was discharged after taking the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance,

Agreed, That his Excellency remit Mr Ephraim Philips Sherif of Burlington, the sum of Fourteen pounds five shillings on account.

The Board appointed Elisha Boudinot Esqr their Secretary & desired his Excellency the Governor to acquaint him of the appointment.

Adjourned to 9 O'clock next Monday.

Monday,

Monday, 14th April 1.777

The Board met according to adjournment,

Present
His Excellency the Governor

Mr Symmes	Mr Camp
Mr Paterson	Mr Manning
Mr Dick	Mr Combes

His Excellency laid before the Board a letter from Joseph Leonard of the 10th Instant excusing his appearance before the Board agreeable to his Summons, on Account of his being confined by the Rash & Fever.

Ordered, That Richard R. Crow be examined.

It appearing to the Board that the said Crow has been an officer in the Service of his Britannic Majesty, & is desirous of returning to Ireland his native country,

Agreed That said Crow have leave to return to his family near Cheesquakes in the County of Middlesex & have from the date hereof fourteen days allowed him to settle his affairs & apply to the nearest General Officer of the United States for a Flag to go into the Enemy's Lines.

His Excellency was pleased to lay before the Board a petition from John Duyckinck, which was read; Setting forth, That the Petitioner has been confined in the State Prison at Philada since the 10th of Feb'y last, and praying that he may have a Hearing as early as may be convenient.

Agreed, That his Excellency the Governor be advised to write to his Excellency Genl Washington on the subject matter of the said Petition; as the Board are given to understand, That the said Petitioner was apprehended by order of Genl Washington, or some of the General Officers in the Continental Army; and are at a loss to determine, until some Charge be exhibited, whether the Offence be cognizable before this Board.

Adj'd till 3 O'clock in the afternoon.

Met according to adjt.

George Mount was brought before the Board for Examination, & on hearing Capt Stillwell to whose Company he belongs, as a private, on the occasion of his being committed, & as to his character in favor of the American Cause, the Board on his taking the Oaths of Allegiance & Abjuration, discharged him from his confinement.

Cornelius Williamson, Joseph Thatcher, Morrice Wurts, and Timothy Lake, apprehended by Order of General Heard, were sent

sent to this Place under Guard, and committed to Prison until the Board have Time to hear them, and examine Witnesses.

William Grover who was apprehended by Order of General Putnam, was ordered before the Board, and examined, and being one of the People called Quakers, took Affirmations to the Effect of the Oaths to the State, and was thereupon dismissed.

Aaron Robins Brower, who was apprehended by Col Randolph, and sent to Philada, was ordered before the Board and being examined, took the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance as established by the Legislature and was thereupon dismissed.

George Brown, who was apprehended on the score of being dangerous to the present Government, appeared before the Board, and took the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance as established by the Legislature and was thereupon dismissed.

Adjourned till tomorrow morning 9 O'clock,

Tuesday, April 15th 1.777

The Council Met.

Present.
His Excellency the Governor.
Mr Scudder
Mr Symmes
Mr Paterson
Mr Dick.
Mr Combes
Mr Camp
Mr Manning

Pursuant to Certificate of Election the following Persons, to wit, Joseph Weaver, Captn, William Dobbins 1st Lt, Henry Howel 2nd Lt and Abraham Parker Ensign, were duly Commissioned as Officers in the Manner afsd, in the first Company of Militia in the second Battalion in the County of Burlington whereof Thos Reynolds Esqr is Colonel.

Robert Allison and Jacob Cummins, Inhabitants of the County of Sussex, and apprehended & sent to this Place on the Score of being dangerous, to the present Government, &c., were called before the Board, and took the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance, as Established by the Legislature, and entered into Recognizance, being mutually Surety for Each other, in £500 each before Mr Justice Symmes, for their Appearance at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer to be held in the County of Sussex and in the mean time to be of the Peace and good Behaviour, and were thereupon dismissed.

Joseph Haight was called before the Board & examined respecting the Conduct of John Laurence Senr and his Recognizance

nizance taken by M^{r} Justice Symmes, for his Appearance as a Witness at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer for the County of Monmouth.

The Governor having applied, by Advice of the Council of Safety, to Capt^{n} Arnold of Morris, for two of the Light Horse of his Company, to attend the Council for the carrying Dispatches, guarding Prisoners, &c, Capt^{n} Arnold accordingly sent two Light Horsemen, but having agreed with them for 20^{s}| a Day, without any Direction for that Purpose, the Board conceived it too expensive to keep them, in their Service, at that Rate, and therefore agreed to dismiss them after paying them the Sum promised by Capt^{n} Arnold from the time they left Home till they can return—amounting to £10.

Jesse Woodward was called before the Board, and informed of the Charge exhibited against him under Oath, and being heard respecting the same was ordered to withdraw.

David Condict Esq^{r} was Elected L^{t} Col, and Samuel Hayes Esq^{r} Major of the 1st Battalion of the 2nd Regiment of Foot Militia in the County of Essex, whereof Philip Van Cortlandt is Colonel.

Adj'd till 3 o'clock P.M.

Met according to Adjournment.

Agreed, That a warrant issue to Co^{l} Bowes Reed to apprehend John Blackwell, which was issued accordingly returnable on or before the 29th of April instant.

Ordered That a Warrant of Commitment be issued against Jesse Woodward, charged with High Treason directed to the Gaoler of Sussex.

Lewis Bastedo was examined as a witness against Thomas Fowler, and the same reduced into writing.

Richard Smith of Burlington was cited to appear before the Board, as a Person suspected of being disaffected, and dangerous to the present Government &c.

Adj'd till ToM^{w} Morn^{g} 9 O'clock.

Wednesday 16 April 1.777

Met according to Adjournment.

Ordered, That a Mittimus issue to the Gaoler at Freehold to receive into his custody Edmund Williams of Monmouth for refusing the Affirmation to the Effect of the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance & giving security for his appearance at the Sessions, pursuant to Law.

John Taylor Esq^{r} was called in and examined.

Ordered, That the said John Taylor be committed to the Gaol,

Gaol, of Burlington, for maintaining the Authority of the King of Great Britain within this State.

Stephen Tallman was called in & examined.

John Laurence of Monmouth was called in & examined.

Ordered, That he be committed for High Treason against the State.

Adj^d^ till 3 O'clock P. M.

Met according to Adj^t^

Ordered, That Warrants of Commitment be issued against Thomas Fowler charged with High Treason, and with making an Assault upon one Lewis Bastedo, with an intent to murder.—The said Warrant to be directed to the Gaoler of Sussex. The Assault was committed in the County of Burlington, the High Treason in Monmouth.

John Williams Jun^r^, William Throp, and Francis Doyle, Persons apprehended and sent to Phil^a^ were ordered before the Board and being Examined took the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance as established by the Legislature of the State, and were thereupon dismissed.

Daniel Laurence was brought before the Board, and being examined was ordered to withdraw.

Joseph Lawrence Jun^r^ of Monmouth, who was apprehended and sent to Philadelphia, was ordered before the Board and examined, and being one of the People called Quakers, took Affirmations to the Effect of the Oaths to the State, and was thereupon dismissed.

Stephen Tallman appeared before the Board, and entered into Recognizance with Tallman Smith, his Surety, in £300 Each, before the Governor and Council for his appearance at the next Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Monmouth, and in the meantime to be of the Peace and Good Behaviour, and was thereupon dismissed.

Col Dick had leave of Absence,

Adjourned till tomorrow Morn^g^ 9 O'clock.

Thursday April 17^th^ 1.777

The Council Met,

Present.

His Excellency the Governor.

M^r^ Scudder	M^r^ Coombes
M^r^ Symmes	M^r^ Camp
M^r^ Paterson	M^r^ Manning.

Lewis

Lewis Ellison appeared before the Board, was examined, and being one of the People called Quakers, took Affirmations to the Effect of the Oaths to the State and was thereupon dismissed.

His Excellency laid before the Board a letter from General Washington of yesterday's date, (in answer to one from the Governor to the General) containing a state of Col. Duycknick's case, & the reason of his being apprehended by the General's order, & sent to Philadelphia, whereupon the Board were unanimously of opinion that the Coll^o comes properly under the military Jurisdiction,

Ordered, That Co^l Duyckinck be acquainted with the above resolution,

Ordered, That a warr^t of Commitment be issued against Jacob Goodwin charged with High Treason, &c, directed to the Gaoler of the County of Sussex,

Richard Robins was called before the Board, and informed of the Charge exhibited against him, under Oath, and being heard respecting the Same was ordered to withdraw.

Daniel Laurence was again ordered before the Board; and refusing to take the Oaths to Government, was indulged till To-Morrow in order to find Sureties &c.

Benjamin Helme was called in and examined by the Board, & also Richard Smith of Burlington.

Agreed, That thirty two blank Commissions be delivered to Co^l Freelynhuysen for the Captains & subalterns of his Battalion, to be filled up by him according to the Election of the respective Companies, & that he make return thereof to the Governor.

Richard Smith entered into Recognizance with Abraham Hewlings in £300 for his appearance at the Quarter Sessions &c & was thereupon discharged—

Benjamin Helme entered into the like Recognizance & was discharged.

Ordered, that a Warrant of Commitment be issued against Richard Robins charged with high Treason &c; directed to the Gaoler of the County of Sussex.

Adjourned till 3 O'clock P.M.

Met according to adjourn^t

Present, as before.

Lewis Bestedo was examined as a Witness against Richard Robins & his deposition taken in writing.

M^r Elmer appeared in Council & took his seat at the Board.

The Council ordered the Sum of one pound ten shillings to be

be paid to Lewis Bestedo for two Days service of himself and horse.

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning 9 O'clock.

Friday, April 18th 1.777

The Council met,

Present,
His Excellency the Governor

Mr Scudder	Mr Coombes
Mr Symmes	Mr Camp
Mr Elmer	Mr Manning
Mr Paterson	

Ordered, That Timothy Lake appear before the Board.

Anthony Wooley & John Wooley took the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance & were discharged, Amos Morris the like—

The Board then appointed the Field officers for the first Battalion of Cumberland Militia, vizt

Elijah Hand, Col.
Samuel Ogden, Lieut Col.
Dick Paterson, 1st Major.

And their Commissions were issued accordingly.

Captain Wooley was Examined against Richard Jeffrey.

Nathan Sutton was examined, & then Jeffrey & Sutton were ordered to withdraw.

Henry Weatherbey was called in and examined.

Mr Speaker appeared in Council & took his seat at the Board.

Col Symmes had leave of absence.

Timothy Lake of Kingwood, a Prisoner, sent to the Council of Safety by General Heard, was called in and Examined.

The Council then adjourned till 3 O'clock P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

John Severn a Prisoner was called in and having been examined was discharged upon taking the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance according to a Law of the State.

A Number of Subpoenas & Summonses were issued for a number of Evidences & disaffected Persons.

The Council then adjourned till 9 O'clock tomorrow morning.

Saturday

Saturday April 19th

Council met according to adjournment

Present
His Excellency the Governour

Mr Scudder	Mr Combs
Mr Patterson	Mr Manning
Mr Elmer,	Mr Camp
Mr Hart	

William Lippincot was called into Council Chamber, and after being examined was ordered to withdraw.

Henry Weatherby was again called before the Board, and after making some further Confessions was ordered to withdraw.

Daniel Laurence appeared before the Board, and entered into Recognizance with William Laurence and John Van Matter his Sureties in £300 each, before the Governor & Council for his Appearance at the next Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Monmouth, and in the meantime to be of the Peace and Good Behaviour; and was thereupon dismissed.

Adj'd till Monday Morng 10 O'clock.

Monday, April 21st 1.777

The Council met.

Present
His Excellency the Governor

Mr Scudder	Mr Camp
Mr Elmer	Mr Manning
Mr Paterson,	

Mr Monice Worts, who had been apprehended by order of Genl Heard, & sent to this place, was ordered to appear before the Board, and being Examined, took the Oaths to Government, as established by the Legislature and was thereupon dismissed.

Several Resolutions of the Honble Congress were read, and ordered to lie on the table for the Perusal and Consideration of the Members.

Adjd till 3 O'clock P. M.

Met

Met pursuant to adj^{t}.

Nathan Stout Esq^{r} called in and examined touching the conduct of Joseph Thatcher, John Mildrum and Cornelius Williamson.

Thomas Groom and Joseph Groom were brought before the Board, and being examined, took the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance as established by the Legislature and were thereupon dismissed.

Edward Taylor Esq^{r} appeared before the Board, and the Charges exhibited against him under Oath being read in his Presence, & he being heard in his Defence was ordered to withdraw.

Edward Taylor Esq^{r} was again called in, and refusing to take the Oaths, but being willing to be bound with Sureties, for his appearance at the next Court of General Quarter Sessions, of the Peace for the County of Monmouth; the Board gave him Time to provide Sureties for the Purpose aforesaid.

Adj'^{d} till ToMorrow morn^{g} 9 O'clock.

Tuesday, April 22nd 1.777

The Council met, According to adj^{t}.

Present, as before.

Edward Taylor Esq^{r} appeared before the Board and Entered into Recognizance with Joseph Borden and John Imlay Esq^{rs} his Sureties in £300 Each, before the Governor & Council for his Appearance at the next Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Monmouth, and in the meantime to be of the Peace and Good Behaviour and was thereupon dismissed.

Resolved That his Excell^{cy} the Governor write to Gen^{l} Maxwell for an exact Return of the four Jersey Battalions Belonging to his Brigade, which was done in the words following, to wit,

"Bordentown 22d April 1777

Sir,

In pursuance of a Resolution of Congress of the 14th Instant, "That it be recommended to the Executive Powers, of
" Each of the United States to procure exact Returns of the
" Continental Troops, in each, & transmit the same to Congress
" without Delay. & requiring all officers and Soldiers of the
" continental Army to pay the strictest Regard to the orders of
" the

"the executive powers of the several States touching the "Premises" You are requested by the Governor & Council of this State, with all possible Dispatch to procure & transmit to them exact returns of the four Battalions of the Troops raised in this State in the Service of the United States, belonging to your Brigade

I am
Sir
Your most humble Sev[t]
W. L.

To Brigadier-
Gen[l] Maxwell,

Edmund Harris, who was apprehended by General Forman in Virtue of an Order from his Excellency Gen[l] Washington, and sent to Philad[a] was ordered before the Board, and the Charges exhibited against him, under Oath being read in his Presence, and he being heard relative to the same was ordered to withdraw.

Benjamin Woolley was called before the Board, and being Examined, took the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance as established by the Legislature, and was accordingly discharged,

Jacob Harvey was called before the Board, and, being examined, took the Oaths as above, &c,

John Riddle, Richard Jeffrey and Daniel Stukey, were brought before the Board, and being Examined took the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance as established by the Legislature, and were thereupon dismissed.

M[r] Hart attended & took his seat at the Board.

William Cooper, and Jedediah Lippincot were called before the Board, and being Examined, took the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance and were thereupon dismissed.

Adj[d] till 3 O'clock P.M.

Met according to Adj[t].

M[r] Symmes attended & took his seat in Council.

Cornelius Williamson appeared before the Board, and refusing to take the Oaths, but being willing to be bound with Sureties, for his Appearance at the next Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Hunterdon; the Board gave him time till ToMorrow to provide Sureties for the Purpose aforesaid.

Joseph Thatcher appeared before the Board and being examined, took the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance to the State and was thereupon dismissed.

John Meldrum appeared before the Board, and, being examined,

amined, took the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance to the State and was thereupon dismissed.

Mr Combes appeared & took his seat in Council.

Daniel Bancroft appeared before the Board, and being examined, took the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance to the State and was thereupon dismissed

Ordered, That a Warrt of Committ be issued agst Edmund Harris, of Monmouth, charged with High Treason &c,

The Board being informed, that Cornelius Williamson was desirous of appearing before them,

Ordered, That he do attend without Delay.

Cornelius Williamson, appeared before the Board, and expressed his Desire and Willingness to take the Oaths as established by the Legislature; whereupon the same were tendered to him, which he took, & he was accordingly dismissed.

Timothy Lake was again ordered before the Board, & took the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance to the State, whereupon he was discharged,

The examination in Writing and under Oath of the aforesaid Lake was taken relative to the Conduct of Christopher and John Vaught.

Richard Willson was called before the Board, and examined, and on the Oaths being tendered to him, he requested Time to consider of them, or to find Sureties in case he could not take them with a safe Conscience; whereupon the Board indulged him in his Request, and ordered him to withdraw.

Mr Manning had leave of absence.

The Board adjourned till tomorrow morning 7 O'clock.

Wednesday 23rd April 1.777

The Board met, pursuant to adjt

Present
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Hart
Col Symmes
Col Scudder
Mr Elmer
Mr Manning
Mr Camp
Mr Combs
Mr Paterson

The Resolutions of the Honble Congress of the 14th of this Instant, were again read & considered; and the Board being of Opinion, that it is of the last Importance that this State should complete its Quota of Men without Delay, and that it is impossible

impossible to effectuate this pressing and necessary Business without the immediate Interference of the Legislature, Resolved, That it be recommended to the Speaker of the Honble House of Assembly to convene the Members of the Legislature, at Haddonfield, on Wednesday the 7th day of May next and that it be enjoined on the Members to give the most punctual Attendance on the day and at the place above appointed

Mr Symmes had leave of absence.

The Petition of Edmund Harris, charged with High Treason &c, praying that he might have leave to reside in some private Dwelling House in Freehold, during his Indisposition, on giving Surety was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Wm Sands was called before the Board, and examined touching the Conduct of Henry Wetherby, and others, and after some Time spent therein, his further Examination postponed till the Afternoon.

Adjd till 3 O'clock P. M.

The Board met,

Present

His Excellency the Governor

Mr Elmer	Mr Hart
Mr Scudder	Mr Combes
Mr Paterson	Mr Camp

Thomas Forman Esqr appeared before the Board, and was examined relative to the Conduct of Anthony Woodward, John Leonard, Jesse Woodward, William Grover, Ezekiel Forman, Thomas Woodward, (son of Anthony) Robert Thompson, Wm Taylor (son of Wm) and others, and such his Examination reduced to Writing, and Subscribed and Sworn to by the said Thos Forman.

The Board again called in Wm Sands, and resumed his Examination relative to Samuel Wright, Henry Wetherby, Wm Smith and Thos Sherman and others, which was reduced to Writing, and Subscribed and Sworn to by the Said Sands.

Wm Sands was also examined touching the Conduct of Thomas Kerney and such Examination reduced to Writing and Subscribed and Sworn to by the said Sands.

John Andrews appeared before the Board, and was examined touching the Conduct of Wm Grover, and others, and his Examination reduced to Writing and Subscribed and Sworn to by the said Andrews.

Richard

Richard Francis who was Subpoenæd as a Witness, appeared before the Board & was examined, but his Testimony not being material, it was not reduced to Writing.

John Van Mater was called before the Board, and examined, and the Oaths to Government being tendered, he refused to take them, but was willing to be bound with Surety, for his Appearance at the next Court of Quarter Sessions &c, And the said John Van Mater did accordingly enter into Recognizance, with Edmund Bainbridge, his Surety in £300 Each before the Governor & Council, for his Appearance at the next Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Monmouth, and in the meanTime to be of the Peace and of the Good Behaviour, and was thereupon dismissed.

Daniel Grandine was called before the Board and examined and the Oaths to Government being tendered, he refused to take them, but was willing to be bound, with Surety, for his Appearance at the next Court of Quarter Sessions &c And the said Daniel Grandine did accordingly enter into Recognizance, with Aaron Van Clief, his Surety, in £300 Each before the Governor and Council, for his Appearance at the next Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Monmouth, and in the meantime to be of the Peace and of the Good Behaviour, & was thereupon dismissed.

Adj^{d} till ToMorrow Morn^{g} 9 O'clock.

Thursday, April 24. 1.777

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Present
His Excellency the Governor

M^{r} Elmer	M^{r} Hart
M^{r} Scudder	M^{r} Combes
M^{r} Paterson	M^{r} Camp.

Samuel Knott appeared before the Board, and was examined relative to the Conduct of Henry Wetherby, Samuel Wright, Stephen Wist, Nathan Allen, and others, and his Examination reduced to Writing and Subscribed and Sworn to by the said Samuel Knott.

William Sands, and Samuel Knott were called in and examined touching the Conduct of Obadiah King, of the County of Burlington, who was apprehended for making use of Expressions,

pressions, which tend to encourage Disaffection, and to raise Tumults and Disorders in the State

Ordered, That the said Obadiah King be brought before the Board.

Obadiah King appeared before the Board, and being examined, took the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance as established by the Legislature of the State and was thereupon dismissed.

James Bell was called before the Board, the Accusation against him read in his Presence, and being examined relative to the same, was ordered to withdraw.

Adj^d till 3 O'clock P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Agreed, that three blank Commissions be sent to L^t Col Vandike, to be filled up with the Names of the Officers Elected by the Princeton Company of Militia, and that the said Co^l be directed to make returns thereof.

Thomas Cleayton and Jonathan Burge were called before the Board, and examined, and took and subscribed the Oaths to the State, whereupon they were dismissed.

Nathan Sutton, David Heslip and Benjamin Jones were ordered before the Board, and being examined, took and Subscribed the Oaths to the State, and were thereupon dismissed.

George Applegate of the County of Burlington, appeared before the Board, and delivered up the Protection given him by the Enemy, which he was hitherto prevented from Doing on the Score of Indisposition, and took and Subscribed the Oaths to the State, as established by the Legislature.

David Walker and John Carson were ordered before the Board, and it appearing that they belong to the State of Pennsylvania, the board advised his Excellency to write to M^r President Wharton on the Occasion, inclosing the Charge against them, and that they be sent down to Philad^a as soon as possible.

W^m Grandine was called before the Board, and being examined, the Oaths to Government were tendered to him, which he refused to take, and requested Time in Order to provide Sureties for his Appearance at the next Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Monmouth &c, and the Board granted his Request.

James Bell & Cornelius Cleayton were ordered before the Board, and being examined, took and subscribed the Oaths to the State, and were thereupon dismissed.

William Lippincott and Stephen Harvey were ordered before the

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the Board, and being Examined, took and Subscribed the Oaths to the State, and were thereupon dismissed.

Adj'd till ToMorrow morg 9 O'clock.

Friday April 25th 1.777

Met pursuant to Adjournment

Present, as before.

Thomas Bennet, Jeremiah Bennet, Joseph Bennet & Theophilus Bennet were ordered before the Board and being Examined took and Subscribed the Oaths to the State, and were thereupon dismissed.

William Tice was ordered before the Board, the Accusation against him read in his Presence, and being heard and examined relative to the Same, was ordered to withdraw.

Simeon Badcock was called before the Board, and examined, & the Oaths to Government being tendered, he refused to take them, but was willing to be bound, with Surety, for his Appearance at the next Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace &c, And the Said Simeon Badcock did accordingly enter into Recognizance, with Daniel Grandine and John Van Mater, his Sureties in £300 Each, before the Governor and Council, for his Appearance at the next Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Monmouth, and in the meanTime to be of the Peace and of the good Behaviour and was thereupon dismissed.

William Smith was called before the Board, the Charge against him read, and he heard and examined relative to the Same, and then ordered to withdraw.

William Grandine appeared before the Board, and entered into Recognizance with Daniel Grandine and Tallman Smith, his Sureties in £300 Each, before the Governor & Council, for his Appearance at the next Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Monmouth, and in the meanTime to be of the Peace & of the good Behaviour; and was thereupon dismissed.

Robert Hartshorne and Essek Hartshorne appeared before the Board, pursuant to citation, on the score of being dangerous & disaffected to the present Governmt. Affirmations to the Effect of the Oaths to the State were tendered to them, which they refused to take; the Board then called upon them to enter into Recognizances with Surety, for their appearance at the next Court of Genl Sessions, of the Peace in & for the County of Monmouth, which they also refused,—Whereupon they were ordered to with draw.

Adjourned till 3 O'clock P. M.

Met

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Robert Hartshorne & Esseck Hartshorne were again called before the Board, and refused either to take Affirmations to the Effect of the Oaths to the State, or to be bound with sufficient Sureties for their appearance at the next Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace in and for the County of Monmouth &c, Whereupon Ordered, That Warrants of Commit^t be issued against the said Robert Hartshorne and Essek Hartshorne directed to the keeper of the Gaol in Monmouth for refusing to take the Affirmations & to find Sureties as required by Law.

Thomas Kerney was called before the Board, the Accusation against him read in his Presence, and being heard and examined relative to the Same was ordered to withdraw.

Amariah Farnsworth appeared before the Board, took and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration and Allegiance to the State and thereupon was discharged.

Thomas Kerney appeared before the Board and entered into Recognizance, with Peter Imlay and John Van Mater of the County of Monmouth, his Sureties, in £300 each, before the Governor & Council, for his appearance at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer and General Gaol Delivery to be held in the said County of Monmouth, then and there to answer for maliciously and advisedly reviling & speaking contemptuously of the honourable Congress of the United States of North America, and of the Measures adopted by the said Congress, and for maliciously and advisedly Saying and doing Things encouraging Disaffection, & manifestly tending to raise Tumults and Disorders in the State of New Jersey aforesaid and to Such other Charge as shall, on Behalf of the said State, be objected against the said Thomas Kerney, and in the mean Time to be of the Peace & of the good Behaviour; and was thereupon dismissed,—

Stephen Hedges appeared before the Board pursuant to Citation, on the Score of being dangerous and disaffected to the present Government, and being one of the People called Quakers, took Affirmations to the Effect of the Oaths to the State, and was thereupon dismissed.

Henry Wetherby was called before the Board, the Charge exhibited against him under Oath was read in his Hearing, and he examined relative to the Same, and then ordered to with draw.

M^r Camp had leave of absence.

Adj'd till ToMorrow morn^g 8 O'clock.

Saturday April 26th 1777

Met according to adj't.

Present,
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Elmer — Mr Hart
Mr Scudder — Mr Combes
Mr Paterson

Ordered, That William Tice and William Smith appear before the Board,

William Tice and William Smith were again examined and heard and were dismissed on taking and Subscribing the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance to the State.

Richard Wilson appeared before the Board and entered into Recognizance, with Edward Taylor Esqr his Surety, in £300 Each, before the Governor and Council, for his Appearance at the next Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Monmouth, and in the meanTime to be of the Peace and of the Good Behaviour and was thereupon dismissed.

William McMurray of the County of Monmouth, appeared before the Board, and took and Subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance to the State.

Daniel Hendrickson, who was summoned to appear as a Person suspected of being disaffected and dangerous to the present Government, did accordingly attend, and on Examination acknowledged that he had recd a Protection from the Enemy, which he refused to give up when demanded by the Board. Whereupon the Oaths to the State were tendered to the said Hendrickson, who refused to take the same, but was ready, with his Surety, to enter into Recognizance, &c, And the said Daniel Hendrickson did accordingly enter into Recognizance with Edward Taylor Esqr his Surety in £300 Each, before the Governor and Council, for his appearance at the next Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Monmouth and in the meanTime to be of the Peace, and of the Good Behaviour, and was thereupon dismissed.

John Cotterell appeared before the Board, was examined and took and subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance to the State & was thereupon dismissed.

Abraham Smith of Monmouth appeared before the Board, was examined, delivered up his Protection, and was dismissed on taking and subscribing the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance to the State.

Isaac Sharp of Monmouth appeared before the Board, was examined, delivered up his Protection, and was dismissed on taking and subscribing the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance to the State.

Joseph Burdge was called before the Board, and being examined, took the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance to the State and was thereupon dismissed.

Henry Wetherby appeared before the Board, and entered into Recognizance with Abraham Smith, W^{m} Smith and Isaac Sharp his Sureties in £300 Each before the Governor and Council, for his Appearance at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol delivery to be held in the County of Monmouth, then and there to answer for advisedly & wittingly, by Speech Writing, open Deed and Act, maintaining and defending the Authority, Jurisdiction and Power of the King of Great Britain in and over the State of New Jersey, and for maliciously and advisedly saying and doing Things encouraging Disaffection, and manifestly tending to raise Tumults and Disorders in the said State, and to such other Charge as shall, on Behalf of the said State, be objected against the said Henry Wetherby, and in the meanTime to be of the Peace and of the good Behaviour, and was thereupon dismissed.

Adj^{d} till 3 O'clock P.M.

Met pursuant to Adj^{t}

Daniel Williams was called before the Board, examined & ordered to withdraw.

Daniel Williams again appeared before the Board, & was dismissed on taking and subscribing the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance to the State.

Adj'd till Monday, 3 O'clock P. M.

Monday, April 28th 1.777

Met pursuant to Adj^{t}

Present
His Excellency the Governor.
M^{r} Elmer M^{r} Combes
M^{r} Paterson

There not being a Quorum to proceed to Business, adjourned till To-Morrow morn^{g} 9 O'clock.

Tuesday

Tuesday April 29th 1.777

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Present
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Elmer Mr Combes
Mr Paterson Mr Camp

There not being yet a Quorum, adjourned till 11 O'clock A. M.

Met pursuant to adjt
Present—as before.
There not being Members sufficient to make a Board adjourned till 3 O'clock P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment

Present
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Elmer Mr Combes
Mr Scudder Mr Camp
Mr Paterson

Col Bowes Reed, agreeable to his Warrt sent to this Place, John Blackwell under guard.

Ordered, That Subpoenas be issued to cite, Joseph Campion, Isaac Merit, and William Norton to appear before the Board at 10 O'clock ToMorrow to bear Testimony against John Blackwell.

His Excellency was pleased to lay before the Board, a Letter from Elisha Boudinot Esqr of Date the 18th Instant, informing that he was obliged to decline the office of Secretary which this Board had conferred upon him.

A Petition from sundry officers and others, Inhabitants of the Town of New Ark, in the County of Essex, was read, setting forth, That a number of the Officers belonging to the Militia of the said Town were Either dead, or by submitting to the Enemy, were disqualified from acting, and praying that certain Persons recommended in the said Petition might be commissioned, as there was the most pressing Call for having the Militia Officered without Delay.

Agreed, That this Board has not Competency and Jurisdiction respecting the Subject Matter of the said Petition, and that the same be referred to the Legislature.

William

William Halfpenny, who was sent to this Place by General Putnam, was ordered before the Board, examined and dismissed on delivering up the Protection he received from the Enemy, and taking the Oaths to the State.

William Butler Linch, who was apprehended and sent to this Place by Order of General Putnam, was brought before the Board & Examined, and dismissed on taking and subscribing the Oaths to the State.

Lary Johnston, Thomas Gohem, and Daniel Dancer, who were apprehended by Major Scudder and sent to Princeton & from thence to this Place under guard by General Putnam, were ordered into Custody in the Guard-Room, until the Board can hear the Charge against them, and examine Witnesses respecting the same.

His Excellency was pleased to lay before the Board, a Letter from Gen^{l} Putnam, inclosing a Letter from Major Scudder, respecting the said Lary Johnston, Thomas Gohem and Daniel Dancer.

Jacob Dancer was called before the Board, the Charge exhibited against him under Oath was read, and he examined relative to the same ; and then remanded to Prison.

Ordered That Subpoenas be issued to cite John Anderson and Thomas Smith to appear before the Board, and bear Testimony against Stephen Flood.

Adjourned till ToMorrow Morn^{g} 9 O'clock.

Wednesday, April 30th, 1.777

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, as before,

David Burton appeared before the Board, & was examined touching the Conduct of Alexander Willson, and such his Examination reduced to Writing, and subscribed and sworn to by the said Burton.

Isaac Meait, who was cited as a Witness, sent his son who appeared & informed the Board, that his Father was indisposed and could not attend.

Joseph Campion appeared before the Board, pursuant to Citation, and was examined touching the behaviour of John Blackwell, and such his Examination reduced to Writing, and subscribed and affirmed to by the said Joseph Campion.

William Norton appeared before the Board and was examined respecting the Charge against John Blackwell; but his Testimony not being material, it was not reduced to Writing.

Ordered That Subpoenas be made out & served upon John Wright,

Wright, James Wells, and a certain Man commonly called *English Thomas*, to appear before the Board at 10 O'clock A.M. ToMorrow, and bear Testimony against John Blackwell.

Ordered, That a Warrant be issued to bring before this Board, Alexander Willson, of Upper Freehold in the County of Monmouth.

Adj^{d} till 3 O'clock P.M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Daniel Dancer was ordered before the Board and examined and then remanded to Prison.

Ordered, That a Warr^{t} of Commitm^{t} be issued ag^{t} Jacob Dancer charged with High Treason, and directed to the Keeper of the Gaol at Burlington.

Thomas Goheen & Lawrence Johnston were ordered before the Board, and it appearing that they belong to the State of Pennsylvania, the Board advised his Excellency to write to M^{r} President Wharton, inclosing the Charge against them, and that they be sent to Philad^{a} as soon as possible.

Adj'd till 9 O'clock ToMorrow morn^{g}.

Thursday, May 1st 1.777

Met pursuant to Adj^{t}.

Present, as before.

John Jolley of the County of Burlington and one of the Prisoners sent to this Place by the Council of Safety of Pennsylvania, was ordered before the Board, examined and dismissed on taking and subscribing the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance to the State.

John Wright appeared before the Board, pursuant to Citation, and was examined respecting the Charge exhibited against John Blackwell, and such his Examination reduced to Writing and subscribed and Affirmed to by the said John Wright.

James Wills appeared according to Citation, and was examined respecting the Charge against John Blackwell; but as his Testimony was immaterial it was not reduced to Writing.

Alexander Willson was brought before the Board, the Charge exhibited against him under Oath was read and he examined relative to the same, and then ordered to with draw.

John Blackwell was ordered before the Board, the Charge against him read, and he heard relative to the same, and then remanded to Prison.

Ordered, That a Warr^{t} of Commitment be awarded against John Blackwell, charged with High Treason, and directed to the keeper of the Gaol at Burlington.

Thomas

Thomas Maddock, commonly called English Tom, appeared before the Board, pursuant to Citation, and was examined respecting the charge against John Blackwell; but as his Testimony was immaterial, it was not reduced to Writing.

Elias Hollman of the County of Monmouth, appeared before the Board and took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance to the State.

Adjourned till 3 O'clock P. M.

Met pursuant to Adjournment.

M^r^ Boudinot attended as Secretary and took his seat accordingly

The Governor laid before the Board a letter from Elias Boudinot Esq^r^ Commissary of Prisoners, requesting an account of the disbursments & expences of this state in favor of the several Prisoners taken from the king of Great Britain, and also a return of such Prisoners as are now confined in this State.

Agreed, That as this Board has not jurisdiction in the matter, it be referred to the Legislature.

Ordered, That a Warr^t^ of Commitment be awarded against Alexander Willson, charged with advisedly & maliciously saying and doing Things encouraging Disaffection, & manifestly tending to raise Tumults and Disorders in the State, the said Warr^t^ was directed to the keeper of the Gaol at Burlington,

Ordered, That the sum of Thirteen Pounds, seventeen shillings & sixPence be paid to Thomas Powel for his Services as Doorkeeper to this Board from the 26^th^ March to the 1^st^ May inclusive.

His Excellency was pleased to sign the following Certificates—To John Combs Esq^r^ for the sum of Sixteen Pounds ten shillings proclamation Money for twenty seven Days attendance at this Board.

To Nathaniel Scudder Esq^r^ for the sum of Twenty four Pounds like Money for Forty Days attendance at this Board.

To Theophilus Elmore Esq^r^, for the sum of Thirteen Pounds sixteen shillings like Money for twenty three Days like attendance.

To Benjamin Manning Esq^r^ for the sum of Eighteen Pounds like Money for Thirty Days like attendance.

To Caleb Camp Esq^r^ for the sum of Fifteen Pounds twelve shillings like Money for Twenty six Days like attendance.

To John Hart Esq^r^ for the sum of Nine Pounds twelve shillings like Money for Sixteen days like attendance.

Haddonfield,

Haddonfield, May 10th 1.777

The Governor and Members of the Council of Safety met.

Present.
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Symmes
Mr Elmer
Mr Scudder
Mr Hart
Mr Combs
Mr Camp
Mr Weatherby
Mr Manning

Peter Obart, Francis Letts & William Lake Prisoners apprehended by Major John Taylor in Consequence of Orders from General Putnam, and conducted under Guard to this Place, were brought before the Board & examined, and there appearing no Evidence against them sufficient to continue their Confinement, they severally took the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance to the State & were discharged.

The Council adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, May 12th 1.777

The Council met according to adjt.

Present.
His Excellency the Governor.
Mr Symmes
Mr Elmer
Mr Condict
Mr Paterson
Mr Scudder
Mr Dick

A memorial was presented by Cap't John Dennis, of the Township of Shrewsbury in the County of Monmouth, requesting the Council to take Cognizance of the Cases of two Negroes the property of Peter Parker & John Slocum of the Township Afsd who were sometime in February last taken Prisoners by the Memorialist on Suspicion of their having been in Arms, & aiding to the Enemy &c, & afterwards sent to Philadelphia where they have been confined ever since, & further seting forth that the Masters of the said Negroes are desirous of having the Matter heard & decided upon by this Board.

The Council taking the Matter into Consideration, called Capt Dennis before them, & having obtained what Information he was able to communicate, appointed Wednesday the 21st Inst. for sd Parker & Slocum to attend before this Board, of which Captn Dennis was desired to inform them.

A Sergeant's Guard, detatched by Major John Taylor at Cranberry in the County of Middlesex, arrived with a Prisoner taken by a Party of Horsemen near the Enemy's lines at Bruns wic, and by Order delivered him to the standing guard in this Place. A Letter was at the same Time delivered to his Excellency giving Information that although s^{d} Prisoner has assumed the name of John Brown, yet his real name is John Lee; that he formerly lived in Philadelphia and had lately introduced a number of Recruits into Brunswic, for the Purpose of joining the British Army, which he had confessed to Major Taylor.

Two Persons vizt
Thompson & Hall were called in & examined respecting the s^{d} Prisoner, but as their Evidence amounted to Nothing very interesting, it was not committed to writing,

Adjourned till 6 O'clock P. M.

Met according to Adjournment

John Brown alias John Lee was ordered before the Board, and after an Examination remanded to Prison.

Cap^{tn} Timothy Shaler delivered to the Council two prisoners namely John Martin & William Cowen taken in a Prize, who were ordered into Confinement.

The Council adjourned till tomorrow Morning 11 o'clock.

Tuesday, May 13th

The Council met according to Adj^{t}.

Present
His Excellency the Governor

M^{r} Elmer,	M^{r} Camp
M^{r} Condict,	M^{r} Manning
M^{r} Scudder,	

A Letter was laid by his Excellency before this Board from the Secretary of the Board of War, inclosing some Resolutions of Congress respecting Cap^{t} Gamble & Doct^{r} Stapleton at Princeton who are suspected of being concerned in unwarrantable Practices against the United States of America, & requesting that His Excellency would enquire into the Conduct of those persons, & transmit the Result of such enquiries to Congress.

His Excellency consented to make immediate Application to some Persons in or near Princeton to procure every necessary Proof

Proof and Information.

Subpoenas were ordered to be issued for Marshall Isaac Kay, Major William Ellis & Cap^t James Tallman citing them to appear before this Board, to give Testimony against sundry Persons suspected of Disaffection & MalPractices against this State.

The Council adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 O'clock.

May 14^th.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present.
His Excellency the Governor.

M^r Condict	M^r Mehelm
M^r Elmer	M^r Wetherby
M^r Scudder	M^r Manning
M^r Camp	

M^r Isaac Kay appeared before the Board and was examined, touching the conduct & suspicious Behaviour of John Henchman Esq^r but as his Information was not founded upon his own personal Knowledge, his Testimony was not reduced to writing.

A subpoena was ordered to be issued for John Sparks Esq^r to appear before this Board to give Evidence against s^d John Henchman Esq^r.

John Martin and William Cowen the two Prisoners delivered to the Council by Cap^t Shaler, were brought before the Board and as they did not choose to enter on board an American armed vessel, they were remanded to the Guard House untill Application can be made to the Board of War concerning the Disposition of them.

The Council adjourned till tomorrow 11 O'clock A. M.

Thursday May 15^th 1.777

Met according to adjournment

Present.
His Excellency the Governor

M^r Elmer	M^r Camp
M^r Scudder	M^r Manning
M^r Condict	M^r Combes

Major William Ellis, appeared before the Council, and was interrogated

interrogated as to the suspicious Conduct of John Henchman Esq^{r}, but as his Testimony was founded upon Information chiefly, it was not reduced to writing.

Peter Young & Henry Mourisson two of the Prisoners sent down from General Heard were called before the Board, and very particularly examined touching their own Designs and that of their Accomplices. It clearly appeared from their own Confessions that they were, when apprehended, on their way towards the British Army in Company which Richard Stagg (who was the Person that persuaded them to go off) Francis Mourisson & Ezekiel Wood, who all three made their Escape ; they were remanded to Confinement. Peter Young declared that Jacob Hilar and his son Nicholas, Abraham Tiers, John Welcher, Thomas Welcher, Silas Roberts, one Losan & one Tuthill were gone off to the enemy.

The Council adjourned to 3 O'clock P. M.

Met pursuant to Adjournment

Present, as before,

Jacob Gardner another Prisoner sent down by General Heard was called before the Board, examined & remanded to Confinement ;

John Sparks Esq^{r} appeared before the Board & altho he gave no Testimony against John Henchman Esq^{r} founded on his own Knowledge, yet he furnished the Council with the names of a Number of Persons whose Evidence he conceived would operate against him.

Subpoenas were ordered to be issued for Joseph Hewlings, William Norton, Zachary Rozel & his wife, William Harrison, Israel Morris, James Sloan, Joseph Hugg, Thomas Denny, Samuel Harrison Esq^{r} & Joseph Ellis Esq^{r} to appear before the Council to give Testimony against s^{d} John Henchman Esq^{r}

The Council adjourned till toMorrow Morning 10 O'clock.

May 16th

The Council met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Present

His Excellency the Governor

M^{r} Elmer	M^{r} Combes
M^{r} Condict	M^{r} Manning
M^{r} Scudder	M^{r} Camp

The Council was informed that Cap^{t} Thomas Webb, who, on the

the 11th day of April last, obtained the Permission of this Board for fourteen Days to settle his affairs, and then to remove to the Enemy with a Flag, had, instead of availing himself of that indulgence, spent a considerable Time beyond those Limits, in passing through this State and that of Pennsylvania & so to Baltimore in Maryland ; in his return from whence he was apprehended by Gen^l Schuyler, and further that Gen^l Schuyler has put said Webb on his Parole, until the sense of the Governor and Council of Safety of this State would be obtained respecting him.

In Consequence of the above Captⁿ Webb, was called before the Board and being heard as to the reasons which induced him to take so extraordinary a Step, he was desired to with draw.

The Council taking the Affair into Consideration were unanimously of Opinion that Cap^{tn} Webb has justly forfeited all the Advantages that might have arisen from the Indulgence aforesaid, so far as relates to this state, and therefore,

Resolved, That s^d Cap^{tn} Tho^s Webb be ordered forthwith to return to Gen^l Schuyler at Philadelphia and that it be left to the Gen^l to determine whether he ought now to be permitted to pass over to the Enemy with a Flag, or be detained as a Prisoner of War.

And his Excellency was requested to transmit Gen^l Schuyler a full and circumstantial Account of the whole Process, respecting him, the s^d Webb.

The Council adjourned to 4 O'clock P. M.

Met, pursuant to adjournment,

Present, as before,

M^r Zachary Rossell, happening in Town, was called upon & attended before the Council, but as upon Examination it did not appear, that he Knew anyThing material, respecting the conduct of John Henchman Esq^r his testimony was not committed to Writing. And as M^r Rossell declared that he really believed it was not in the Power of his Wife to communicate anyThing material, the Council concluded to dispense with her Attendance at Haddonfield.

M^r Rossell informed the Council that Joseph Hewlings is missing from the Neighborhood of Mount Holly, & that he supposes he went off with the Enemy ; the subp. for him was therefore suppressed.

Thomas Denny Esq^r appeared before the Council as an Evidence against John Henchman Esq^r and after his Examination, his Testimony was committed to Writing & sworn to.

Subpoenas

Subpoenas were ordered to be issued for Mr Jacob Roberts & Captn Samuel Hugg, to appear before the Council toMorrow at ten O'clock in the Forenoon as Evidences &c.

Mr Israel Morris appeared in Consequence of a Subpoena, but as nothing material appeared in his Testimony it was not reduced to Writing.

The Council adjourned till tomorrow 11 O'clock A. M.

May 17th 1.777

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Present
His Excellency the Governor

Mr Condict	Mr Camp
Mr Elmer	Mr Manning
Mr Scudder	

Joseph Hugg Esqr appeared before the Council pursuant to Subpoena, and gave Testimony against John Henchman Esq which was committed to Writing and Mr Hugg affirmed thereto.

A Memorial was presented to the Board in behalf of Francis Hingston, praying Permission for him the said Hingston to return to his Friends in England, which was unanimously granted.

The Council adjourned to 3 O'clock P. M.

Met according to Adjournment.

Present
His Excellency the Governor

Mr Condict	Mr Scudder
Mr Elmer	Mr Camp
Mr Paterson,	Mr Manning

James Sloan appeared pursuant to Subpoena, and was examined, but his Testimony was not judged sufficiently material to be committed to Writing.

Captn Samuel Hugg, appeared & was examined relative to the suspicious Conduct of John Henchman Esqr and his Testimony being committed to writing, he was affirmed thereto. Said Captn Hugg can give some account of the said Henchman's producing his former Commission under the Crown to some british Officers at the black Horse as a pass, & of his inviting some british Officers to his Sisters at Mount Holly.

Samuel

Samuel Harrison Esq^r appeared before the Board, and was examined, but as his Testimony consisted of nothing more than what is contained in former Evidence it was not committed to writing.

Co^l Joseph Ellis, being called upon, declared, that he some-Time since heard John Henchman acknowledge, that he the said Henchman had said he had wished the regular Troops would come among us.

Jacob Roberts, being called upon, gave in his Testimony, against John Henchman Esq^r & was duly affirmed thereto, after its being reduced to Writing.

The Council adjourned till Monday 4 o'clock P. M.

May 19th

The Council met pursuant to adjournment

William Norton appeared before the Board & was examined respecting the Conduct of John Henchman Esq^r among the Hessians at the Black Horse & Mount Holly, but his Testimony was not reduced to Writing.

Capt^n William Harrison was also called upon & examined as af^sd, but as his Testimony was similar to that of several other Evidences, it was judged unnecessary to commit it to Writing.

A subpoena was ordered to issue for John Estaugh Hopkins, to appear tomorrow to give Evidence against John Henchman.

The Council adjourned till toMorrow 4 o'clock P. M.

May 20th

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Present
His Excellency the Governor
M^r Paterson M^r Scudder
M^r Symmes M^r Combs.
M^r Elmer

Garret Rapalje & his son George Rapalje appeared before the Board & had the oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance tendered to them, which they declined taking, and desired Time till toMorrow Morning to consider of them, which was granted.

James Nevill a Prisoner sent by General Heard to the Council was called upon and examined, and it appearing to the

the Board that he had been detained a long time Prisoner in New York, where he had suffered great Hardship & Abuse, and also giving the Board full Satisfaction as to the way he became possessed of a considerable Sum of Money which was the Occasion of his being detained by General Heard; The Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance to the State were administered to him, & subscribed by him, upon which he had his Money restored to him & was discharged.

The Council adjourned till toMorrow Morning 8 O'clock.

May 21st.

The Council met, pursuant to adjournment.

Present as before, except Mr Combs, with the addition of Mr Camp & Mr Dick.

Garret Rapalje appeared before the Board, & entered into Recognizance with Jacob Drake, his Surety, in £300 Each, before the Governor & Council for his Appearance at the next Court of general Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Sussex; & in the meanTime to be of the Peace & of the good Behaviour & was thereupon dismissed.

George Rapalje appeared before the Board, and it being proposed to him, either to take the Oaths yesterday tendered to him, or be considered as a Prisoner of War, he begged further Time to consider of the matter, & was ordered to withdraw.

A memorial was presented from Lieut Gilbert Imlay, praying, that a Number of Persons, formerly Inhabitants of this State, who have for a long while past been confined in the City of Philadelphia, and who some Time since Enlisted in the Company to which he belongs, may be released from their Confinement, & permitted to join said Company.

The Council taking the same into Consideration, determined to send for them, together with all such as were taken prisoners in Monmouth County, by Majr Mifflin, and his Excellency was requested to issue the necessary Orders for that purpose.

Thomas Williams was ordered to be brought before the Board, & after a critical Examination was remanded to Confinement & the Determination of his Case referred to further Consideration.

The testimony of Thomas Woodward was taken against the said Thomas Williams and committed to Writing, & said Woodward was duly, according to Law, affirmed thereto.

Thomas Woodward, son of Anthony, was called upon, who appeared before the Board, and was particularly interrogated

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as to his Disaffection & suspicious Conduct in General, & the Cause of his late Elopement from the Guard in Haddonfield in particular. after which he was ordered to with draw, & the further Consideràtion of his Case deferred for the present.

The Council adjourned till 4 O'clock P.M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Present.
His Excellency the Governor.
Mr Symmes Mr Scudder
Mr Elmer Mr Manning
Mr Condict

A Subpoena haveing been ordered for John Estaugh Hopkins to appear before the Council on the 19th Instant, and he being out of town at that time, Ordered, That a Subpoena be issued for his Appearing before the Council tomorrow morning at ten o'clock in the forenoon to give evidence in behalf of the State against John Hincksman Esqr

The Council took up the Consideration of the Case of George Rapalje and finding, by his own Confession, that he had sometime in January last, voluntarily gone over to the Enemy at New Brunswic, where he had taken an Oath of Allegiance to the King of Great Britain, whence he went to Staten Island, New York, and Long Island, and has continued with the Enemy ever since, till within a few days, & is now come back into this State, without Flag or Passport, of any kind whatever; The Board after mature Deliberation, Ordered, That a Warrant of Commitment directed to the Sheriff of the County of Gloucester, do issue against the s'd George Rapalje for advisedly & wittingly by speech, Writing, open Deed and Act, maintaining & defending the Authority, Jurisdiction & Power of the King of Great Britain as heretofore claimed within this State.

The Council adjourned till tomorrow Morning 8 O'clock.

May 22nd 1.777

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Present
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Elmer Mr Manning
Mr Condict Mr Camp
Col Scudder

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A Memorial was presented by Co' John Cox in behalf of his Sister Mrs Mary Allen, setting forth, that her son now in New York is dangerously ill of a Consumption, & she is anxious to see him before his Death, as well as desirous of taking Care of her Property there &c.

The Board taking the same into Consideration, Agreed, That Colonel Cox be permited to apply to General Putnam for a Flag of Truce in Behalf of his sd sister, Mary Allen, and in Case the General shall think proper to grant such Flag, that s'd Mrs Allen have leave to depart this State.

Peter Parker, of the Township of Shrewsbury, appeared before the Board and took & Subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance to this State, and offered to defray all Costs that shall have accrued in Consequence of the Apprehension and Imprisonment of his Negro Man Sip, now confined in Philadelphia & in Case he may be released & return to his service, to give Bond to the full Value of the sd Negro, for the future good Behaviour of him the sd Negro.

Agreed, that sd Parker have his sd Negro, discharged, upon his complying with the foregoing Conditions.

John Estaugh Hopkins appeared pursuant to Subpoena, but as the Council could not conveniently receive his Testimony at this Time, and as he lives near, he agreed to call upon them tomorrow Morng at 8 o'clock

The Council adjourned till 6 O'clock P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Present
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Elmer — Mr Manning
Mr Condict — Mr Combs
Mr Scudder

John Slocom, of the Township of Shrewsbury appeared before the Board, and offered to defray all Costs that shall have accrued, in Consequence of the Apprehension and Imprisonment of his Negro now confined in Philadelphia, & in Case he may be released & return to his Service, to give Bond to the Value of the sd Negro, for the future good Behaviour of him the sd Negro.

Agreed that sd Slocum have his sd Negro discharged, upon his Complying with the foregoing Conditions.

Agreed also that Peter Parker's Negro be Valued at the sum of £100, and John Slocom's Negro at the sum of £70.

The Council adjourned till toMorrow 8 O'clock.

May

May 23rd

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Present.
His Excellency the Governor.
Mr Symmes
Mr Condict
Mr Elmer
Mr Scudder
Mr Camp
Mr Combs
Mr Manning
Mr Dick

John Estaugh Hopkins appeared before the Board & gave Testimony against John Henchman Esqr which was reduced to writing and affirmed to according to Law.

A Summons was ordered to issue for s'd John Henchman Esqr to appear before the Governor and Council of Safety at their Chamber in Haddonfield on the 5th day of May next at 8 O'clock A.M.

John Kite, William Parker, John Allen, John Sears, William Thompson, Jonathan Burge, James Cumpton, & Stout Havens prisoners taken by a Detatchment commanded by Major Mifflin in Monmouth County about the Beginning of January last, & since confined in Philadelphia were yesterday brought up under Guard, from that City, and this Day appeared before this Board, and being severally examined were willing to enter into the continental Service during the War, to serve in Capt John Burrowe's Company of Col David Forman's Regiment agreeable to a former Engagement with Lieut —— Patterson, and upon the Condition that they may obtain a full & free pardon for all past treasonable Offences, against the State of New Jersey.

William Newman another Prisoner in the same Predicament, with the former, being called in & examined & not being disposed to enter the service was remanded to the guard House to be reserved for future Trial.

Richard Margison another Prisoner taken with the former, but who has not entered into any previous Engagement with regard to sd Company, being also examined, expressed his Willingness to enter the Service of the United States upon Condidition of obtaining a Pardon as above, & chose to engage in Captn Burrowe's said Company.

The Council adjourned till half past two O'clock P. M.

Met

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Present.
His Excellency the Governor.
M^r^ Paterson M^r^ Manning
M^r^ Condict M^r^ Camp
M^r^ Scudder

Aaron Cumpton another of the Prisoners taken by Major Mifflin was called before the Board, & examined, and it appearing from his own Confession that he had previously to his Engagement, with Colonel Morris' Party, deserted Cap^t^ Thomas Patterson's Company in Co^l^ Dayton's Battalion he was remanded to Confinement.

James Peirce and John Barber two more of the same Prisoners were next ordered in and examined, and were content to enter into the American Service in the same Company and on the same Conditions as those examined in the Forenoon.

The Council adjourned till toMorrow Morning 8 o'clock.

May 24^th^

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Present,
His Excellency the Governor
M^r^ Condict M^r^ Manning
M^r^ Scudder. M^r^ Combes
M^r^ Camp,

Joseph Pierce one of the Prisoners taken by Major Mifflin, was called in and examined, but not being disposed to enter s^d^ service : was remanded.

Joseph Throckmorton Esq^r^ who some time since presented a Memorial to the Governor and Council on Behalf of his son, John Throckmorton, then & still in Confinement in the City of Philadelphia, appeared before the Board & prayed that he might be indulged so far as to have his s^d^ son removed into this State & confined at his own House at Colts neck in Monmouth County, offering to enter into Bond for £2.000 or £3.000, if required, for his future Good Behavior, & for his Appearance before this Board when & wherever required.

The Council taking the affair into Consideration, were of Opinion that they could not form any Conclusion respecting a Prisoner without having him first before them, and therefore as they cannot redeem Time sufficient for the Purpose at present, they deferred the Determination to some future Time,

Jacob

Jacob Cooper a Prisoner taken by Major Mifflin appeared before the Board and was examined, and as it appeared that he had joined the Enemy & was inlisted with them, before the Publication of the Act for punishing Traitors &c, he was considered as a Prisoner of War.

John Sears, Stout Havens, Richard Margison & John Barber four of the Eleven Prisoners who had consented to Enlist into the continental Service, being called upon to enroll themselves, declared they had altered their minds, and did refuse to comply with their former Engagements; wherefore they were remanded to the Guard House; the other seven took and subscribed the Oaths to the State, enrolled themselves, and were delivered to Lieut Gilbert Imlay—

Adjourned till Monday next

May 26th

The Council met pursuant to Adjournment.

Gershom Ayres was discharged on taking the Oaths.

Adjourned till Wednesday next.

28th

The Council met.

James Cornelius sworn &c, Walter Curtis & Peter Brewer examined and remanded to Confinement.

Adjourned till toMorrow.

May 29th

The Council Met.

Present

His Excellency the Governor

Mr Elmer,	Mr Camp
Mr Condict	Mr Manning
Mr Combs	

Jacob Cooper being considered as a Prisoner of War, was put on his Parole, & Thomas Curtis of Shrewsbury became Security in £100 for his keeping it.

Ordered, That Walter Curtis be discharged upon taking the Oaths, and entering into Recognizance with Thomas Curtis, in £100 for his appearance at the next Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be held for Monmouth County, & giving

ing his note for £16. 16. 10. payable the 1st July next (with the said Thomas Curtis for security) being his proportion of the Expense occasioned by bringing him & Williams to Haddonfield.

Ordered that Peter Brewer be discharged on his taking the Oaths.

The Council Adjourned till tomorrow morning nine O'clock.

Friday, May 30th 1.777

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Present.
His Excellency the Governor.
Mr Condict Mr Combe
Mr Elmer Mr Camp
Mr Manning.

Walter Curtis having complied with the above order of yesterday, and this morning discharged his note given for said expence, is at liberty to return home;

Richard Stanton late of Essex County on takeing the Oaths to Government and entering into Recognizance with Thomas Dey Esq of Bergen County Each in the sum of One Hundred Pounds for his Appearance at the next Court of General Quarter Sessions of the peace to be held in and for the County of Essex, then and there to answer the said Court to such things as shall be objected against him in behalf of the State, and in the meantime to keep the peace and be of the Good behaviour towards the liege subjects of this State, was discharged.

The Council adjourned till three O'clock in the afternoon.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment,

Present
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Condict Mr Camp
Mr Elmer Mr Manning
Mr Combs

John Ederson called in and examined, and on taking the Oaths to the Government of the State, and entering into Recognizance with Richard Stanton for Security each in the Sum of one hundred pounds to Appear at the next Court of General Quarter

Quarter Sessions of the peace to be holden in & for the County of Essex then and there to answer the said Court to such things as shall be objected against him in behalfe of the State, and in the meantime to keep the peace and be of Good behaviour towards all the Liege subjects of this State, was Discharged.

Adjourned till toMorrow 12 O'clock.

May 31st 1.777

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Present
His Excellency the Governor

Mr Condict	Mr Manning
Mr Elmer	Mr Combs
Mr Scudder	

Richard Snowdon attended before the Board, in consequence of a Citation from the President, but refused Either to take the Oaths or Affirmations to the State, or to be bound with sufficient Sureties, for his Appearance at the next Court of general Quarter Sessions of the Peace in and for the County of Gloucester;

Ordered, therefore, That a Warrant of Commitment do issue against the sd Richard Snowdon, directed to the Sheriff of the sd County or to his Deputy, for his refusal as aforesaid.

Adjourned till Wednesday next,

June 4th.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Present
His Excellency the Governor,

Mr Elmer	Mr Cramp
Mr Condict	Mr Mehelm
Mr Scudder	Mr Manning
Mr Combs	

Stout Havens, one of the Prisoners taken by Mjr Mifflin, having petitioned for another Hearing before the Board, was called in, and after hearing the Proposals of some of his Friends in his Favor, and a further Examination, he was ordered to return to the Guard-House,

John

John Barber, Joseph Pearce, John Sears, Richard Margison, & William Newman five other Prisoners taken by Mj^r Mifflin, having also petitioned for another Hearing, were called before the Board, and after further Examination were remanded to the Guard house.

The Council having taken the case of the above named Prisoners into Consideration, and finding by their Confession, which was taken in writing & subscribed by them, that they were taken in Arms in the Service of the King of Great Britain on the second day of January last, in which they had none of them been engaged more than a Fortnight, they were of Opinion that the Prisoners can neither be considered as Prisoners of War, nor be admitted to Bail, and therefore ought to be continued in Confinement.

Adjourned till tomorrow morning 7 O'clock.

June 5th

The Council met, pursuant to adjournment.

Present
His Excellency the Governor,

M^r Condict	M^r Hart
M^r Symmes	M^r Camp
M^r Scudder	M^r Mehelm
M^r Elmer	M^r Manning
M^r Combs	

John Henchman Esq^r appeared before the Board pursuant to Citation, & the charges ag^st him, being read he was permitted to offer anyThing in his Power by way of Palliation, and after being heard, was ordered to withdraw.

The Council taking M^r Henchman's Case into their consideration and being of Opinion that the charges ag^st him did not fully indicate a malicious Intention but that the s^d Charges did fix him, under a strong Suspicion of Disaffection to the United States,

Agreed, therefore, That M^r Henchman be again called into Council, & that the Oaths of Abjuration and of Allegiance be tendered to him according to Law.

M^r Henchman appeared accordingly, and the s^d Oaths were tendered to him in Council, which he refused to take and subscribe, but was willing to be bound with surety for his Appearance

Appearance at the next Court of gen[1] Quarter Sessions, of the Peace &c, and the s[d] John Henchman did accordingly enter into Recognizance with Jacob Clement in the sum of £300 Each, before the Governor and Council of Safety, for his Appearance at the next Court of General Quarter Sessions, of the Peace for the County of Gloucester, there to answer to such Charges as shall be exhibited against him on Behalf of the State, and in the mean Time be of the Peace & of the good Behaviour & was thereupon dismissed.

The Council adjourned to meet again at 11 O'clock. A. M.

At 11 O'clock A'M Met pursuant to adjournment.

Jacob Bogart of the County of Bergen, one of the Prisoners sent down by Gen[l] Heard, was called before the Board & examined, and it appearing that he had been enlisted & had joined the Enemy and been actually in Arms with them, since the Publication of the Act, for punishing Traitors & disaffected Persons, the Council were of Opinion—[*The determination of Council is not given.*]

Giles Williams a Prisoner sent down by Colonel Briarley was called before the Board and examined; but as it appeared that he had been persuaded away by Elisha Laurence and others, and that he had not either enlisted or taken up Arms with the Enemy, but had returned, the first opportunity, to his own Neighbourhood, tho he had imprudently neglected to give himself up, it was agreed to tender him the Oaths to the State, which he took & subscribed according to Law, and was thereupon discharged.

Thomas Woodward having petitioned for another Hearing, was called before the Board, and after a further Examination was ordered to withdraw.

Adjourned till 3 O'clock P.M.

Met pursuant to Adjournment.

Peter Young & Henry Mourison having petitioned for another hearing were called in and again examined and as they appeared very penitent, and some Circumstances considerably in their Favour were discovered, the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance to the State were tendered to them, which they cheerfull took and subscribed & were dismissed.

Jacob Gardner having also requested a Rehearing, was admitted examined & heard in his own Behalf, but as it clearly appeared to the Council from Gen[l] Heard's letter, his own Confession, and a Variety of Circumstances, that he was a person

person too dangerous to the Liberties of the State to be discharged, they were unanimously of Opinion that he ought to continue in Confinement, and was remanded accordingly.

Ordered that the sum of fifteen shillings be paid to John Hendry for the Service of himself and horse, bringing a Letter Express from Burlington to Haddonfield.

The Council adj^d^ till toMorrow afternoon.

June 6^th^

The Council met pursuant to adjournment

Present
His Excellency the Governor
M^r^ Symmes M^r^ Manning
M^r^ Condict M^r^ Combs
M^r^ Scudder M^r^ Camp

Ordered, That a Warrant of Commitment directed to the Sheriff of the County of Gloucester do issue against Thomas Woodward, Son of Anthony, charged before the Governor and Council of Safety for the State of New Jersey, with maliciously and advisedly saying and doing Things encouraging Disaffection and manifestly tending towards Tumults & Disorders in the State aforesaid, and with maliciously & advisedly spreading such false Rumours concerning the American Forces, and the Forces of the Enemy as tend to alienate the Affections of the people from the Government, and to terrify & discourage the good subjects of this State, and to dispose them to favour the Pretensions of the Enemies of the State.

The Council adjourned till Monday next.

June ninth 1.777

The Council met.

Present.
his Excellency the Governor
M^r^ Symmes M^r^ Wetherbee
M^r^ Combs M^r^ Elmer
M^r^ Camp. M^r^ Scudder.

Ordered that the sum of One Pound ten Shillings be paid to

to Mr Isaac Kay for the Use of his Waggon and Horses in hauling Provisions from Philadelphia for the Guards.

Also the sum of ten Shillings for a Load of Wood for the Guard House.

And Also the sum of seven Shilling and Six pence to Mrs Phebe Wallington for House Room and Trouble with a wounded Prisoner.

His Excellency laid before the Board the draft of an Appointment of Officers to grant Passports & Permissions to pass, which was approved of, & is in the words following, to wit:

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,

In Council of Safety, Whereas in and by a certain Act, of the Legislature of this State, passed at Haddonfield the fourth day of this present month of June, entitled "An act for rendering more Effectual two certain Acts therein mentioned," it is among other things enacted, that the Governors or Commanders-in-Chief for the time being, and Council of Safety, be Authorised and Impowered, to grant passports and Permissions to pass through any parts of the State; and also to Authorise such and so many Persons, in every County within the same to grant such Passports and permissions, and under such Regulations as they shall think necessary, and to detain under guard all Persons Suspected of dangerous Designs, against this State, travilling without such Passports or permissions, untill they shall satisfy the Governor and Council aforesaid or the Persons so by them Authorized, of their being well Effected to the State, or of their travelling without any designs Injurious to it; and that every Person who shall be convicted of counterfeiting such passports, or Permissions shall suffer Six Months Imprisonment, as by the said Act, reference being thereunto had, may appear,

We do therefore, by these Presents, Authorize and appoint to Grant such passports and permissions as aforesaid, the Officers following, to wit: All the Members of the Council and of the General Assembly of this State, the Justices of the Supreme Court, the Judges of the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas, the Justices of the Peace and field Officers of the Militia of this State, that-is-to-say Such of the Justices of the Piece and field Officers as have been duly qualifyed, and taken the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance, prescribed by Law; which passports or permissions are hereby directed to be to the following Effect, to wit:

County

County of Ls. The Bearer
hereof, aged about years
complexion rather of stature
with eyes, a Traveller from
to has permission to pass to sd
behaving himself civilly
Dated at the day of 1.777

Which passport or permission the said Officer is to subscribe with his Name and Title of Office;—And all ferrymen and Inn-keepers within this State are hereby prohibited to convey over any creek or River, or to entertain any Traveller, (excepting the said Officers hereby Authorised to grant such Passports or Permissions and all Persons belonging to the Army of the United States) who shall refuse to produce such passport or permission upon being thereunto requested, which every Ferryman and Innkeeper is hereby Enjoined to do.

Dated at Haddonfield the ninth day of June in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Seven.

WIL LIVINGSTON President

Morristown 17 June 1777 P. M

The Governor & the Members of the Council of Safety, met pursuant to Adjournment.

[No entry of such adjournment appears.]

Present
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Symmes Mr Camp
Mr Condict Mr Manning

There not being a Quorum to proceed to Business, adjourned till tomorrow morning.

June 18th 1777

The Council met pursuant to adjt.

Present as yesterday

There not being a Quorum to proceed to Business, the Council sent for Benjamin Halsey Esqr one of the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleass, for the county of Morris, who accordingly attended and took his seat,

Ordered,

Ordered, That Isaac Arnot be appointed a Commissioner in the County of Essex, to inventory & dispose of all the Estate & personal Effects of certain offenders described in the act of free & general Pardon, in the room of Robert Clark who refuses to act.

Agreed that a Court of Oyer & Terminer be held, in the County of Essex on the first Tuesday of August next.

The Council adjourned till 3 O'clock in the afternoon.

P. M.

The Council met, pursuant to adjournment.

Present,
His Excellency the Governor,

M^r^ Condict,	M^r^ Manning
M^r^ Symmes	M^r^ Halsey
M^r^ Camp	

John Drummond a Prisoner committed by Cap^t^ O'Harra was discharged upon taking the Oath of Abjuration & Allegiance, there being no Evidence against him.

Benjamin Foster of Wendham took the Oath of Abjuration & Allegiance,

The Council adjourned till 9 O'clock tomorrow Morning

The Council met, pursuant to adjournment

June 19th 1.777

Present
His Excellency the Governor
Members as before,

Major Gordon appeared before the Council from General Heard with a Complaint against Sundry persons for Plundering a Quantity of tea;

Referred him to the possessors of the tea where the same was plundered to bring process for the same

M^r^ Hampton one of the Continental Quarter Masters Complained to Council of the Militia of Essex plundering in Middlesex; the Council answered him that the owners bring action against the trespassers.

Council adjourned till 3 O'clock in the afternoon.

19th

19th of June afternoon.

Council met according to adjournment

Levi Lewis, Adam Hebler & Conrad Silpan appeared before Council and being examined were referred to a further hearing when witness may appear.

William Newman, Joseph Pierce, John Sears, Richard Margison, John Barber, Stout Havens, and Jacob Bogart were committed to the prison in Morris County for high treason &c

The Council adjourned till 9 O'clock tomorrow Morning.

June the 20th 1.777

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present as before,
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Condict Mr Manning
Mr Symmes Mr Halsey
Mr Camp

Nicolas Smith, Jacob Smith, Levi Lewis, Adam Hebler and Coonrad Silback, prisoners from Sussex County were called before the Council, and no Witnesses appearing against them, Nor any Crimes laid to their charge, in any Commitment, the Council thought proper to take Recognizance for their appearance at the next General Court of Quarter Sessions of the peace to be held in and for the County of Sussex, and Discharge them from Confinement, they taking the Oaths of Allegiance to the State.

Henry Smith of Sussex being very sick in the prison, The Governor and Council, thought proper to admit him to the Oathes of Abjuration and Allegiance to the State, and Release him from Confinement, No charge being laid against him in any Commitment.

The Council adjourned till 3 of clock afternoon.

20th June 3 O'clock afternoon.

The Council Met,

Present, as before.

Captain Marsh appeared before the Council on the Subject of the pay due to his Company, of Light Horse, praying directions in the premises; and desiring to have his Company put on a Respectable footing for the future.

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Co^{l} Cortlandt waited upon the Council complaining of the township of Aquacknunk Neglecting to Chuse Essessors, whereby those of the Militia who neglect their duty in that town go Unpunished; and then

The Council adjourned to 8 O'clock tomorrow morning.

Saturday 21 June 1.177

The Council met, according to Adjournment.

Present
His Excellency the Governor,
M^{r} Condict M^{r} Manning
M^{r} Symmes M^{r} Halsey
M^{r} Camp

Isaac Ogden one of the Prisoners in Morris Gaol appeared before the governor & Council and professed himself to be a subject to the King of Great Britain &c, Whereupon the Board ordered the s^{d} Isaac Ogden, to be committed to the Gaol of Morris County.

Thomas Philips and Hendrick Bross, two Prisoners in Morris Gaol, appeared before Governor & Council, & nothing appearing against them, ordered that they enter into Recognizance £300 Each to appear at the next Court at Essex, and that at present they be discharged from confinement, they taking the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance.

Ordered That M^{r} Camp do advance Twenty Dollars to Hiram Howard a Wounded Soldier of Morris County.

Benjamin Morgan Esq^{r} a Prisoner in Morris County (committed by order of his Excellency General Washington) Petitioned to be removed from Prison to some private house.

Ordered that the said Benjamin Morgan be removed to the house of the Widdow Jemima Lum, in Morristown, and there to Remain or within One hundred yards thereof untill further order of the Governor & Council of Safety or otherways discharged by due course of Law; on his giving bond of two thousand pounds to remain there till discharged as above, which Bond was executed accordingly.

Peter Fell one of the Commissioners appointed in an Act entitled an "Act of free and General pardon and other purposes therein Mentioned," for the County of Bergen appeared before the Council and declined accepting of the said appointment &c,

Adjourned to Monday 23 June, 3 o'clock afternoon.

Monday,

Monday, June 23^d 1.777

The Council met according to Adjournment

Present
His Excellency the Governor.
M^r Condict M^r Camp
M^r Symmes M^r Halsey

There not being a Quorum to proceed upon Business ;—

Tuesday, June 24 1.777

The Council Met, according to adjournment

Present
His Excellency the Governor
M^r Symmes M^r Halsey
M^r Condict M^r Manning
M^r Camp

Agreed, That Major Hayes or the Commanding Officer of the Militia stationed at Newark be ordered to remove from the County of Essex to the South side of Hackensack River in Bergen County in order to go into the Enemy's lines :—

The following Women, (with their children) being the Wives & children of persons, lately residing within this State who have gone over to the Enemy, to wit : Mary Longworth, Catharine Longworth, Elizabeth Wheeler, Phœbe Banks, Mary Wood, Hannah Ward, Elizabeth Betty, & Anne Clarke, and make return thereof to the Governor and Council of Safety.

Agreed, that Joseph Hodden Jun^r Esq be appointed a Commissioner for the County of Essex for signing & inventorying the Estates & Effects of persons gone over to the Enemy, &c., in the room of Isaac Dodd who refuses to act.

Isaac & Cornelius Van Saen two Prisoners in Morris Jail appeared before the Council and nothing appearing against them, they were discharged upon taking the Oaths & entering into Recognizance to appear at the next Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for Bergen County.

Cornelius Van Saen declared that he sold to one Cap^t Campbell, four Bags of Flour & five Bushels of Rye which he threatened him into the sale of, & for which he never paid him any.

Isaac Van Saen says that the said Campbell compelled him to sell to him ten Bushels of wheat for which he paid him nothing, and also took from him two horses which have never been returned.

Mr Chief Justice Morris happening to come into the Council of Safety gave them such Information, concerning the above Isaac & Cornelius Van Saen as induced the Council to remand them to Prison.

The Council adjourned to 3 O'clock in the afternoon.

3 O'clock P. M.

The Council met, according to adjournment.

Present—as before.

Mr Peter Mackie being Summoned before the Governor and Council as suspected of being disaffected to the State, & was offered the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance & refusing the same, & appearing to be too dangerous to be suffered to go at large, was ordered to be committed to Gaol.

Ordered that Isaac Ogden now in the Gaol of Morris County be removed for trial to the County of Essex in which he resides.

Peter Mackie offering to take the Oaths after the warrant of commitment was made out, was sworn accordingly & discharged.

Agreed that William Manning be appointed a Commissioner for the County of Middlesex for seizing and disposing of the Goods & Effects of persons gone over to the Enemy, in the room of Thompson Stelle disabled by being taken a prisoner by the Enemy.

Ordered that His Excellency the Governor draw on the Treasurer for the use of the Council of Safety for the sum of five hundred Pounds by Frederick King.

The Council adjourned to Fryday Morning at 9 O'clock.

Friday 27th June 1.777

The Council met, according to adjournment.

Present
His Excellency the Governor

Col Symmes	Mr Mehelm
Col Scudder	Mr Manning
Mr Paterson	Mr Condict
Mr Camp	

Mr King brought the £500 drawn for on the Treasurer by the Governor which was put into the hands of Mr Camp for the Disposition of the Council of Safety.

A Petition from sundry Persons, Inhabitants of Bergen, was read, Setting forth, That Isaac Van Saen & Cornelius Van Saan

Saan, inhabitants of the County of Bergen, and now under Confinement in Morris Town, have not acted in Opposition to the United States, or been aiding to the Enemy, otherwise than by Compulsion, and praying That they may be released, on certain Terms therein specified;

Ordered That the said petition lie on the Table,

Agreed That Oake Hoaghland Esq^{r} be appointed a Commissioner for the County of Burlington for the Purposes mentioned in an Act Entitled "An act of free and general Pardon &c" in the Room of Nathaniel Lewis Esq^{r} who refused to act. Whereupon the said Oake Hoaghland was commissioned accordingly.

James Ackerman and William Drummond, Inhabitants of Bergen appeared before the Board, and took the Oaths of Abjuration and allegiance as Established by the Legislature of the State.

Adj^{d} till 3. O'clock P. M.

Met pursuant to Adj^{t}.

L^{t} Col Vandike made Return of the Names of the Officers Elected by the Princeton Company of Militia, pursuant to a Resolution of this Board, of Date the 24th April last.

His Excellency was pleased to lay before the Board an Acc^{t} in the following Words.

At a Court of Oyer & Terminer &c held for the County of Sussex 28 May 1.777

The Court having Occasion to detain a Number of Persons as Witnesses &c, for a longer time than usual, and Expenses being very high, do recommend His Excellency the Governor and the honorable the Council of Safety, the following Persons to have their Expenses paid in such manner as to them shall seem meet.

Josiah Quimby and George Harrison 6 days Each from Essex c 10| - - - - - - - -	£6	0	0
William Bouton's Horse 6 days c 2|. & himself two days c 5| - - - - - - - - -	1	2	0
Cap^{tn} Thomas Kinney for summoning witnesses, himself & horse 5 days - - - - - -	5	0	0
Captn Campbell's acct - - - - - - - -	7	0	0
Francis Miller's " - - - - - - .	1	10	0
Phillip Hoffman's Bill for the Boarding of Miller -	3	17	6
	£24	9	6

M^{r} Symmes had leave of absence.

Adj^{d} till tomorrow morn^{g} 9 O'clock.

Saturday

Saturday June 28th 1.777

Met pursuant to Adjournment

Present.
His Excellency the Governor.

Mr Scudder	Mr Mehelm
Mr Condict	Mr Camp
Mr Paterson	Mr Manning

Robert Norris appeared before the Board pursuant to Citation and took the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance to the Government, as established by the Legislature of the State.

Abraham Ogden Esqr appeared before the Board, pursuant to Citation in Order to take the Oaths prescribed by an Act of the Legislature, and produced a Certificate of his having taken the Oaths before Mr Justice Tuthill, whereupon he was dismissed.

James Smith appeared before the Board, pursuant to Citation, and took & Subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance agreeably to Law.

His Excellency was pleased to lay before the Board a Memorial from Lardner Clark, praying that this Board would recommend him to Major Genl Mifflin, for some higher Appointment in the Quarter Master Department than that which he now occupies, &c, Whereupon the Board took the same under Consideration & advised His Excellency to recommend the said Lardner Clark to Mjr Genl Mifflin, agreeably to the Prayer of his Memorial.

Agreed That Captn Gifford Dakey have leave to remove Gertrude Tillford wife of Tillford & her Children to Staten Island in the State of New York; which said Tillford formerly resided in this State, and hath lately gone over to the Enemy.

Adj'd till Monday Morng 9 O'clock.

Monday June 30th 1.777

Met pursuant to Adjt

Present.
His Excellency the Governor

Mr Scudder	Mr Paterson
Mr Condict	Mr Mehelm

There not being a sufficient number to make a Quorum, adjd to 3 O'clock in the afternoon.

Met

Met pursuant to Adj^{t}.

Present
His Excellency the Governor
M^{r} Scudder M^{r} Condict M^{r} Paterson
M^{r} Mehelm M^{r} Camp.

Agreed That Isaac Van Saan & Cornelius Van Saan, now in Confinement at Morristown, be exchanged for John & David Demarest, now in Confinement in New York, and that Co^{l} Boudinot, Commissary Gen^{l} of Prisoners, negotiate the Exchange.

Richard Kemble appeared before the Board pursuant to Citation, and took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance agreeably to Law.

Elisha Beach appeared before the Board pursuant to Citation and took and subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance agreeably to Law.

Samuel Wells appeared before the board, pursuant to Citation and took and subscribed Affirmations to the Effect of the Oaths to the State.

Hartshorne FitzRandolph appeared before the Board pursuant to Citation, & took & subscribed Affirmations to the Effect of the Oaths to the State.

Pursuant to order, Major Hayes made Return of the Removal of the following Persons, into the Enemy's lines; to wit: Catharine Longworth, Mary Longworth, Elizabeth Batey, Hannah Ward & Mary Wood; that Phoebe Banks had gone to New York by the Way of Hackensack, before the Order of Removal reached his Hands; and that Elizabeth Wheeler was in such Circumstances that it was judged her Removal would Endanger her Life,

Adj'^{d} to 9 O'clock To M^{w} Morn^{g}.

END OF THE FIRST VOLUME.

Volume II.

Haddonfield, Sept^{r} 12. 1.777

The Council met

Present
His Excellency the Governor
M^{r} Paterson M^{r} Combs
M^{r} Symmes M^{r} Condit
M^{r} Camp

Whereas John Ogden, Smith Hetfield & John Willis of Essex County have gone over to the Enemy & left their families behind them,

Agreed that Co^{l} F. Frelinghuysen cause the wives of the s^{d} John Ogden, Smith Hetfield & Johh Willis and such of their children as are under age to be removed within the Enemies lines, or some place within their possession.

Morristown July 1st 1.777

The Council met, pursuant to adj$^{"t}$

Present
His Excellency the Governor.
M^{r} Scudder M^{r} Mehelm
M^{r} Condict M^{r} Camp
M^{r} Paterson

Samuel Ogden appeared before the Board, pursuant to citation, and took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance, agreeably to Law.

Letter from Joseph Hedden Esq^{r} respecting the removal of the prisoners, Confined in the Gaol at New Ark, read & answered.

Letter from M^{r} Symmes, setting forth the propriety & Necessity of the Board's sitting for some short time in Sussex, was read and answered.

Adj^{d} to 3 o'clock P. M.

The

The Council met, pursuant to adj^{t}

Present.
His Excellency the Governor.
M^{r} Scudder M^{r} Mehelm
M^{r} Camp

There not being a sufficient number of members to proceed to business, adjourned till tomorrow Morning 8 O'Clock.

July 2nd 1.777

The Council met pursuant to adj^{t}

Present.
His Excellency the Governor.
M^{r} Condict M^{r} Camp
M^{r} Scudder M^{r} Mehelm
M^{r} Paterson

Whereas Peter Dubois, John Robinson, Eliphelet Johnson, Thomas Codmus J^{r} & James Nuttman, Stand Committed in the Common Gaol at New Ark, in the County of Essex, for the space of Six Months, by the order & Judgment of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the said county, for refusing to take the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance agreeably to Law, and whereas John M^{c}Ginness and John Haveris were by order of the Same Court imprisoned for nine Months on being duly convicted of a Misdemesnor for attempting to go over to the Enemy; & whereas Isaac Ogden, George Watts, & John Edison, are committed to the Gaol afore^{sd} charged with High Treason; and Also, whereas, Aaron Kingsland, Morris Hetfield, & Baker Hendricks are confined the first in the Gaol af^{sd}, and the two latter in the Gaol at Elizabeth Town, being charged with Felony for uttering & passing Bills of Credit, Knowing them to be counterfeited, and altered; And it being represented to this Board, that the vicinity of New Ark & Elizabeth Town to Staten Island, and other places in possession of the Enemy, and the exposure to Incursions, render it necessary that the persons abovenamed, should be removed to some more distant & secure place in the State,—The Board having taken the premises under consideration, do resolve & agree, that the Persons af^{sd} be confined in the Common Gaol at Morristown, and that orders of removal be immediately made out & executed.

Adj^{d} till 3 O'clock P. M. Met

Met pursuant to Adj^{t}.

Present.
His Excellency the Governor.
M^{r} Scudder M^{r} Mehelm
M^{r} Paterson M^{r} Camp.

M^{r} Condict being obliged to attend the Court of Common Pleas as Prothonotary, the Board adj^{d}, far want of a sufficient number to proceed on business, till 8 O'clock tomorrow morn^{g}.

July 3rd 1.777 Thursday.

The Council met.

Present
His Excellency the Governor.
M^{r} Scudder M^{r} Mehelm
M^{r} Condict M^{r} Camp
M^{r} Paterson.

The Memorial of John Clawson was read, setting forth That the Memorialist was a Sergeant & then appointed an Ensign in a Comp^{y} of Militia in the County of Sussex; That on the 9th of Jany last he was on his way under Co^{l} Martin with a detachment of Militia to join Co^{l} Winds at Quibble Town; That by firing off his musket it unfortunately burst, by which means the left hand of the Memorialist was so injured and shattered that it was immediately cut off a little above his wrist, that he is in low circumstances & now unable to procure his livelihood, & prays the attention of the Board to his unhappy case, & that they would grant him some relief; A testimonial of Abia Brown Esq^{r} in favor of the above Memo^{rl} was likewise read:—

Agreed, that this Board is not competent to decide upon the subject-matter of the said Memorial, and therefore that it be referred to the Legislature.

The petition of Benjamin Morgan, now in confinement at Morristown, was read, setting forth, That he is desirous to take the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance agreeably to Law, and is willing to be circumscribed in his Boundaries, & laid under such Penalties as the Board may think necessary; and praying that he may be permitted to return home.

Agreed, That as the Petitioner was apprehended by order of His Exc^{ly} Gen^{l} Washington, he is to be considered as a Military prisoner, and therefore that the said petition be referred to the Gen^{l}

Agreed,

Agreed, That his Excellency the Governor direct Gen^l Winds to detach two hundred men of the Militia of this State, to wit 100 from Morris, and the remaining 100 from Sussex & Essex, to be employed in apprehending certain disaffected persons in this State.

The Board adj^d to meet at Newtown in Sussex, on Saturday the 5^th of this Instant July, at 9 O'clock in the forenoon.

The Board met pursuant to adj^t,

Saturday July 5. 1.777

Present
His Excellency the Governor
M^r Elmer M^r Paterson
M^r Camp M^r Scudder
M^r Condict.

A Memorial from Elijah Clark, Richard Wescott, & John Cox was read, Setting forth that the Enemy's ships of War entered little Egg harbor, Inlet, and seized two brigs lying at the Fox-barrows, just within the Inlet, & carried them off, with a considerable quantity of Stock &c, and praying that little Egg-harbour may be fortified &c, and that this Board would issue the necessary orders for that purpose.

Agreed unanimously, That this Board is not competent to decide upon the subject-matter of the said Memorial ; and therefore that it be referred to the Legislature.

Adj^d to 9 O'clock Monday Morning.

Monday, July 7^th 1.777

Met pursuant to adj't.

Present.
His Excellency the Governor
M^r Scudder M^r Paterson
M^r Elmer M^r Camp
M^r Condict M^r Symmes

Agreed that letters be written to Major Sam^l Meeker, and Sam^l Kirkendall, Isaac Martin, Jacob McCollom & George Allen Esq^rs to appear before the Board, and give a list of persons in this County, who are disaffected or dangerous to the present Gov^t

Adj'^d till 3 O'clock P. M.

Met

Met pursuant to adj't

Present
His Excellency the Governor
M^{r} Scudder M^{r} Camp
M^{r} Elmer M^{r} Symmes
M^{r} Condict

Ordered, That Lieut Aaron Ross Westbrooke take by Warr^{t} William Briton, Ephraim Drake, Richard Schackelton, William Honeywell, John Honeywell, Joseph Reed & Nathan Manning all of Knowlton, to have them before the Council of Safety, without delay, as suspected persons, & then the Council adj'^{d} to 9 O'clock on Tuesday Morning.

Met pursuant to adj't

Tuesday, July 8th 1.777

Present
His Excellency the Governor.
M^{r} Elmer M^{r} Scudder
M^{r} Condict M^{r} Paterson
M^{r} Symes M^{r} Camp

The Governor was pleased to lay before the Board a letter from Brig^{dr} Gen^{l} Winds informing him that agreeable to his Excellency's orders, he had collected 200 of the Militia at Morristown, excepting the detachment from Sussex, which he expected soon to join him, at Morristown, & further informing him, that had only provisions for three days, which by his orders, they had brought with them, and requesting Directions for their further supply. Whereupon Ordered, That M^{r} Camp do furnish Gen^{l} Winds with £100, to be applied to procure provisions for the said parties of Militia at the direction of the Gen^{l} or Commander of the said party, who is to account to this Board for the expenditure of the same. And that the Governor be desired to apply to Gen^{l} Washington to have the said party supplied with ammunition out of the Continental Magazine; & in case they can procure liberty to draw for provisions from the Continental Stores that they be supplied in that manner and the above money returned &c.

Agreed That Teunis Dey Esq^{r} be appointed a Commissioner for the County of Bergen for the purpose mentioned in an Act Entitled

Entitled "An Act of free and general Pardon &c" in the room of Peter Fell Esq^r who refused to act; Whereupon the said Teunis Dey was commissioned accordingly.

Agreed That a letter be written to Mj^r Hayes, who is appointed to the command of the detachment of Militia ordered into the County of Bergen, directing him to assist the Commissioners of the said County in the discharge of their duty, &c, and that letters be written to the Commissioners informing them of the directions given to Major Hayes.

Adj^d to 3 O'clock P. M.

Met according to Adj^t

Present
His Excellency the Gov^r

M^r Scudder	M^r Paterson
M^r Elmer	M^r Camp
M^r Condict	M^r Symmes

Ephraim Drake appeared before the Board, pursuant to citation, and took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance, agreably to Law.

W^m Britton appeared before the Board, pursuant to Citation, and on the Oaths being tendered to him, requested time to consider of them; whereupon the Board agreed to indulge him in his request, on entering into recognizance, with surety, for his appearance before the Board, tomorrow, at 10 O'clock in the Forenoon; which he did accordingly himself & Ephraim Drake, his Surety, in £100 each;

W^m Honeywell appeared before the Board pursuant to Citation, and on the Oaths being tendered to him, requested time to consider of them; whereupon the Board agreed to indulge him in his request, on entering into recognizance, with surety, for his appearance before the Board tomorrow at 10 O'clock in the Forenoon, which he did accordingly, himself & Ephraim Drake his surety in £100 Each.

Joseph Reed appeared before the Board pursuant to Citation, & on the Oaths being tendered to him, requested time to consider of them; whereupon the Board agreed to indulge him in his request, on entering into recognizance, with Surety for appearance before the Board, Tomorrow at 10 O'clock in the Forenoon; which he did accordingly himself & Ephraim Drake his surety in £·100 Each.

Adjourned till tomorrow morng 9 O'clock.

Wednesday,

Wednesday, 9 July 1.777

Met pursuant to adj^{t}

Present.
His Excellency the Governor.
M^{r} Elmer M^{r} Condict
M^{r} Scudder M^{r} Paterson
M^{r} Symmes.

W^{m} Honeywell appeared before the Board agreeably to his Recognizance of yesterday, & took and subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance, as by Law appointed, and was thereupon dismissed.

Nathan Manning appeared before the Board pursuant to Citation, and took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance agreably to Law.

Joseph Reed appeared before the Board, agreeably to his Recognizance of yesterday & took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed, and was thereupon dismissed.

W^{m} Britton appeared before the Board agreeably to his recognizance of yesterday, & refusing to take the Oaths prescribed by Law; The Governor & Council deeming him too dangerous a Person to be suffered to go at Large, upon giving surety for his appearance at the next Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, in & for the County of Sussex, Agreed, That the said W^{m} Britton should be committed to close Custody in the Common Gaol at New Town in the County af^{sd}, whereupon a Warr^{t} of Commitment was made out accordingly.

Isaac Carey Esq^{r} appeared before the Board, and was examined touching certain seditious words, & expressions made use of by William Britton af^{sd} and such his examination reduced to writing, and subscribed & sworn to by the said Isaac Carey.

Ordered, That a Warr^{t} of Commitment be made out against William Britton, charged with maliciously & advisedly saying & doing things encouraging disaffection, and manifestly tending to raise tumults & disorders in the State, & with spreading false rumours &c; The said warrant was directed to the Sheriff of Sussex.

M^{r} Meeker, M^{r} Kirkendall, M^{r} Martin, M^{r} M^{c}Collom, M^{r} Allen, and others appeared before the Board & gave in the names of the following persons as disaffected & dangerous to the present Gov^{t}, Gabriel Wilson Sen^{r} Simeon Boiles, Samuel Lundy, Nathaniel Hart, Thomas Lundy, John Green, Jacob Lundy, Charles Pettit, John Collins, Adam Green, Edmund Thatcher,

Thatcher, Simpson Howell, James Hannah, Ralph Hunt & Cap^{t} John Shaw in the township of Hardwick; Frederick Limbock, Fred^{k} Bloom, John Mushpan, Charles Crissman, Henry Weighman, James Clandening, M^{w} Dilts & Alexander Adams of the township of Knowlton; Solomon Cartwright in Wantage; Henry Slack, Job Slack, & Abijah Chambers in New Town, Jacob De Con^{d} in Oxford.

Ordered, That a subpoena be made out & served upon Margaret Martin, widow, to appear before the Board, & bear testimony against James Hughstus in Hardeston.

A Memorial from Peter DuBois, Eliphelet Johnson, Tho^{s} Cadmus J^{r}, James Nuttman, and John Robinson, certain criminals removed from the Gaol of Essex to the Gaol of Morris, was read; setting forth, That their distance from their families renders it difficult for them to procure them the comforts of life; That the Gaol of Morris has been occupied by Prisoners of War, &c, That the filth & Stench of the Rooms were great & offensive; That they apprehend fatal consequences may attend their confinement in the Gaol af^{sd} & praying that this Board would remand them to their former place of Imprisonment in the Gaol of Essex.

The Board having considered the said Memorial, agreed unanimously—That directions be immediately given to the Sheriff of Morris for cleaning his Gaol without delay; and that the Prayer of the Memorial cannot at present be granted.

It is further agreed, That the Sheriff of Morris be directed to make return to this Board of the expense, which may arise in cleaning his Gaol, and the account on being inspected & approved, will be ordered by this Board to be paid.

It being represented to this Board, that James Nuttman, one of the above Memorialists, is far advanced in life & has never had the Smallpox, & that the said Disorder now prevails in the Gaol of Morris, in which the said Nuttman is Confined; Therefore, Agreed, That the said James Nuttman be permitted to remove to & be confined in the Gaol of Sussex, he defraying the Expense of Removal.

Adj^{d} to 3 O'clock P. M.

Met pursuant to adj'^{t}

Present
His Excellency the Governor
M^{r} Scudder
M^{r} Symmes
M^{r} Condict
M^{r} Elmer
M^{r} Paterson
M^{r} Camp

John

John Honeywell appeared before the Board, pursuant to citation, & took & Subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Richard Schackleton appeared before the Board, pursuant to citation, & took and subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

The petition of Nath^{l} Pettit, Tho^{s} Woolverton, Francis McGee, Timothy Skinner, Robert Rosbrook, William Green, Jonas Johnson, Sebastian Chesnutwood, and Felix Hassen, Persons duly convicted and fined & Imprisoned by the Court of Oyer & Terminer, at the late Session, at Newtown, in the County of Sussex, was read, praying, That some part of the Fines & Time of Imprisonment may be remitted.

Agreed, That this Board is not competent to decide upon the subject-matter of the said Petition; & therefore that it be referred to His Excellency the Governor & his Privy Council.

The petition of Wendle Lance, Jacob Lance, George Lance, Christopher Lance, Peter Lance, Casper Snooke, & Frederick Tatticker was read; praying That Henry Shizzler, who was committed by the Court of Oyer & Terminer, at the late Session at New Town in the County of Sussex, for the negligent escape of John Eddy, who was charged & indicted for High Treason, might have some part of his punishment remitted.

Agreed, That this Board is not competent to decide upon the subject-matter of the said petition; and therefore that it be referred to His Excellency the Governor & His privy Council.

The petition of Richard Robins, Jesse Woodward, & Tho^{s} Fowler, persons confined in the Gaol of Sussex for crimes, committed in other Counties, praying that they may take the Oaths to Gov^{t}, & be thereupon released from confinement, was read & ordered to lie on the Table.

John Shaw appeared before the Board pursuant to Citation, & took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Ralph Hunt appeared before the Board, pursuant to Citation, and took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Charles Pettit appeared before the Board, pursuant to Citation, & took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Adam Green appeared before the Board, pursuant to Citation, & took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

John Green appeared before the Board, pursuant to Citation, & took and subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance agreeably to Law.

Sampson Howell appeared before the Board, pursuant to Citation, and took & subscribed the Oaths of abjuration & Allegiance, agreeably to Law.

Adj^d^ till tomorrow Morn^g^ 9 O'clock.

Thursday July 10^th^ 1.777

Met pursuant to adj^t^.

Present as before.

George Augustus Seagrave, a person apprehended by some of the Military Officers & confined in the Gaol of Sussex, was called before the Board, and being Examined, took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Agreed That the afore^sd^ George Augustus Seagrave be permitted to return to his place of abode, and be indulged until Tuesday next to procure surety for his appearance before the next Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Sussex, to answer unto such charges & things as shall then and there be objected against him on behalf of the State, and to be in the meanwhile of Good behaviour, and not to depart the Court without Leave. Also agreed That M^r^ Justice Barber be desired to take the recognizance.

Adj^d^ to 3 O'clock P. M.

Met pursuant to adj^t^

Edmund Thatcher appeared before the Board pursuant to Citation, and took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Joseph Alward of Middlesex appeared before the Council, Charged with High Treason, upon his own Confession, was committed to Sussex Gaol.

Silas Alward being brought before the Council, it appeared that he was a prisoner of War.

James Morris was called before the Board and being examined, was upon his own Confession charged with High Treason, whereupon a Mittimus was ordered to issue against him, directed to the Sheriff of the County of Sussex.

Adj^d^ till tomorrow Morng 9 O'clock.

Friday,

Friday, the 11th July 1.777

Present as before,

Agreed That Major Hayes be directed to apprehend with the party under his Command, and send them to the Gaol in Morristown, the following disaffected persons, vizt

D^{r} William B. Peterson,	Elizabeth Town,	
Nicholas Governeur,	Newark,	
Peter Duboise,	Second River	
Aaron P. Schuyler,	New Barbadozneck	
Henry Kingsland	—do—	
John Demerest Esq^{r}	New Barbados,	
Laurance E Ackerman	do	
John Earle	do	
Andrew Van Buskirk	do	
D^{r} James Van Buren	do	
John Zabriskie Esqr	Newbridge	
Gabriel Van Orden	Steen Rapie	
Cornelius Banta	Stuckup	
John Van Buskirk Esq	Kinderkamack	
Daniel Van Buskirk	do	
Cap^{tn} John Banta	Pashack	
Caspavus Westervelt	do	
Cap^{t} Garret Demerist	do	
Capt^{n} Cornelius Harring	up Hackensack River,	
Cornelius Harring Esq	do	
John Debauc,	do	
Peter J Harring Esq	do	
John Durzee (Miller)	Old Toppan	
Samuel Peck	Schralenberg	
Jacobus Peck (Prisoner at Morris)	do	
Daniel J Durzee	do	
Derick Banta,	Winkleman	
Peter Bogert,	do	
Cornelius Banta	do	
Simon Simonson	Old Hackensack	
Seba Brinkerhoof	do	Point
John Paulison	do	do
Cornelius Bogert	do	do
James Campbell	Teneck,	
Samuel Lugdecker,	Eng^{h} Neigh^{br}hood	
Jacob Degrote	do	
Jacob Demott	do	
Laurance Vanhorne	do	

Derick

Derick Vreelandt	Eng^{h} Neigh^{br}hood
Abraham Dey	do
Jacob Dey (his son)	do
Michael Smith	do
Capt^{n} John Brinkerhoof	do
Peter Degrote	do
John Degrote	do
Garret Van Gieson	Secaucus
Daniel Smith Esq^{r}	do
Job Smith	do

The Board having rec^{d} information that the Women hereafter mentioned being the Wives of Disaffected persons who have gone over to the Enemy obstruct the Commissioners for seizing & disposing of the personal Estate & Effects of their husbands in the execution of their Commission, by secreting & concealing the same and that it will be an advantage to the State to send them after their Husbands.

Agreed that Co^{l} Van Courtlandt be directed "by a detachment of the Militia under his command" to remove to the South side of Hackensack River in order that they may go into the enemies lines, the said women together with their children, to wit, Mary Kingsland, Mary Shagor, Elizabeth Howell, Martha Hicks, Mahitabel Handinot, Labbitee Vanriper, Joanna Wicks, Altia Van Riper, Mary Ganalvant, Jane Drummond, Lydia Sayer, Margaret Nichols, Elisabeth Brown, Sarah Crawford, and Abigail Wood, and that the Said Co^{l} make return of his proceedings to this Board with all convenient speed.

Ordered, That the following persons be sent for from Knowlton, vizt, William Little, John Mills, Asher Reed, John Bugner, William Wilgurst, John Wilgurst, John Misner, Peter Misner, George Fitcher, John Wars, Andrew McClan, Jonathan Collins, Malon Collins, Liga Collins, John Laun, Reuben Lundy, John Stephenson, Peter Smock, Robert Wilson Sen^{r}, Abuson Wilson, Jonathan Wilson, Thomas Parker, John Wooley, John Willis, John Hoole, and Titus Doane who are suspected of Disaffection, to the State, and that the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance be tendered to them.

Frederick Leinback appeared before the Board, pursuant to citation and refusing to take the Oaths according to Law, entered into recognizance with Frederick Bloom, his surety in the sum of £300 each, for his appearance at the next Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Sussex, and for his continuance in the meantime of the Peace and the Good behaviour.

Frederick Bloom and John Mushbach also appeared before the Board and refusing to take the Oaths to the State, entered into recognizance Each with Frederick Leinbach his surety in the same sums & manner, & for the purposes as abovesaid.

A Memorial was presented by William Hebler of the County of Sussex in behalf of his son John Hebler, who is now a prisoner in the State of Pennsylvania which was read & referred for further consideration.

Adj^{d} till 3 O'clock P.M.

Met pursuant to adj^{t}

Present as before, except M^{r} Camp who being indisposed had leave of absence.

Thomas Lundy appearing before the Board pursuant to Citation, and the Oaths &c being tendered to him, he asked the favour of time till tomorrow morning to consider of the affair, which he was indulged in.

Alexander Adams appeared pursuant to citation, and took the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance prescribed by Law.

Simeon Boyles appeared pursuant to citation & took the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance according to Law.

Nathaniel Hart appeared in like Manner, and took the same Oaths as required by Law.

Agreed that Cap^{tn} Cyrus Beckwith be instructed to convey Mary the wife of Silas Hopkins, Rachel the wife of Richard Crowel, and the wife of Allen Wager, with their children to the South East side of Hackinsack River, that they may go to their husbands, who are gone within the Enemy's lines.

Adj^{d} till 9 O'clock tomorrow morng.

Saturday, 12th July 1.777

Met pursuant to adj^{t}

Present .
His Excellency the Governor
M^{r} Elmer, M^{r} Scudder
M^{r} Condict M^{r} Paterson
M^{r} Symmes.

Thomas Lundy appeared before the Board agreeably to order, and Affirmations to the Effect of the Oaths to Government being again tendered to him, he refused to take them, but was willing to be bound, with surety, for his appearance at the next Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace in & for

for the County of Sussex, &c, And the said Thomas Lundy did accordingly enter into recognizance, with Samuel Lundy, his surety, in £300 each before the Gov^r^ and Council of Safety, for his appearance at the next Court of Gen^l^ Q. Sessions of the Peace for the County af^sd^, and in the meantime to be of the Peace & of the Good behaviour, and was thereupon dismissed.

Jacob Lundy appeared before the Board pursuant to citation, and Affirmations to the Effect of the Oaths to Gov^t^ being tendered to him, he refused to take them, but was willing to be bound with Surety, for his appearance at the next Court of Gen^l^ Q^r^ Sessions, &c, whereupon the said Jacob Lundy entered into Recognizance with Thomas Lundy, his surety, in £300 each, before the Gov^r^ & Council of Safety, for his appearance at the next Court of Gen^l^ Q^r^ Sessions, of the Peace for the County of Sussex, and in the meantime to be of the Peace and of the Good behaviour & was thereupon dismissed.

Samuel Lundy appeared before the Board pursuant to citation, and Affirmations to the Effects of the Oaths to Gov^t^ being tendered to him, he refused to take them, but was willing to be bound, with surety, for his appearance at the next Court of Quarter Sessions, &c. Whereupon the said Samuel Lundy entered into recognizance with Jon^n^ Collins, his surety, in £300 each, before the Gov^r^ & Council of Safety, for his appearance at the next Court of Gen^l^ Q^r^ Sessions of the Peace for the C^o^ of Sussex, and in the meantime to be of the Peace & of the Good behaviour & was thereupon dismissed.

Jonathan Collins appeared before the Board, pursuant to Citation, and Affirmations to the Effect of the Oaths to Gov^t^ being tendered to him, he refused to take them but was willing to be bound with surety, for his appearance at the next Court of Quarter Sessions, &c, Whereupon the said Jonathan Collins ent^d^ into Recognizance with Jacob Lundy, his surety, in £300 each, before the Gov^r^ & Council of Safety, for his appearance at the next Court of Gen^l^ Q^r^ Sessions, of the Peace for the County of Sussex, and in the meantime to be of the Peace & good behaviour & was thereupon dismissed.

John Stevenson appeared before the Board, pursuant to citation, and affirmations to the Effect of the Oaths to Gov^t^ being tendered to him, he refused to take them, but was willing to be bound with surety, for his appearance at the next Court of Quarter Sessions &c, Whereupon the said John Stevenson ent^d^ into recognizance with Thomas Lundy, his surety, in £300 Each before the Gov^r^ & Council of Safety, for his

his appearance at the next Court of Gen^{l} Q^{r} Sessions of the Peace for the County of Sussex, and in the meantime to be of the Peace & Good behaviour; and was thereupon dismissed.

A petition from Richard Robins, Jesse Woodward, & Thomas Fowler, Offenders confined in the Gaol of Sussex, praying, that they may at their own expense be removed to the Gaol at Burlington, was read, and on the Question being put, Agreed, That the prayer of the said Petition be granted, and that an order of removal be issued accordingly.

John Buganer appeared before the Board pursuant to citation, and took and subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance proscribed by Law.

Aza Reed appeared before the Board pursuant to citation, and took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance agreeably to Law.

William Little appeared before the Board, pursuant to citation, & took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance appointed by Law.

John Mills appeared before the Board pursuant to Citation, & took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance prescribed by Law.

William Willgus & John Willgus appeared before the Board, pursuant to Citation, and severally took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

John Misener appeared before the Board pursuant to citation & took and subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

M^{r} Condict had leave of Absence.

Adj^{d} to 3 O'clock P. M.

Present
His Excellency the Governor

M^{r} Elmer	M^{r} Scudder
M^{r} Symmes	M^{r} Paterson

There not being a sufficient number to make a board, Tho^{s} Anderson Esq^{r} one of the Magistrates in the County of Sussex was called in, & took his seat accordingly.

Abraham Howey appeared before the Board pursuant to citation, & took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance agreeably to Law.

The Memorial of Isaac Coult Jun^{r} was read, setting forth, That one Samuel Shewed, an Apprentice of the Memorialist, in May last, was in the service of the State, as a Militia Soldier at Succasunny Plains, and while the said Samuel Shewed

Shewed was there he enlisted in the Continental Army, and in the Regiment under the command of Col Oliver Spencer, for the term of Three years, but had not joined his regiment, but still continued and was in the Militia as aforesd, when by the accidental discharge of a Sentinel's Gun, the said Samuel Shewed was very dangerously wounded &c and praying that this Board would take his case under consideration, and grant such relief as they should deem proper.

Agreed that this Board is not competent to decide upon the subject-matter of the said Memorial, and therefore that it be referred to the Legislature.

Titus Doan appeared before the Board pursuant to citation & Affirmations to the Effect of the Oaths to Govt being tendered to him, he refused to take them, but was willing to be bound with Surety for his appearance at the next Court of General Quarter Sessions, &c whereupon the said Titus Doan entd into recognizance, with Reuben Lundy, his surety, in £300 each, before the Govr and Council of Safety, for his appearance at the next Court of Genl Qr Sessions of the Peace for the county of Sussex, and in the meantime to be of the peace & of the Good behaviour, and not to depart the Court without Leave; and was thereupon dismissed.

Reuben Lundy entd into recognizance as above with Mahlon Collins, his surety.

Mahlon Collins Entd into Recognizance as above with Jonn Willson, his surety.

Jonn Willson entd into Recognizance as above, with John Wear his surety.

John Wear entd into recognizance as above, with Ebenezer Wilson his surety.

Ebenezer Wilson entd into recognizance as above, with John Willets his surety.

John Willets entered into recognizance as above, with Elijah Collins his surety.

Elijah Collins entd into recognizance as above, with Thos Parker his surety.

Thomas Parker entd into recognizance as above, with John Hole his surety.

John Hole entd into recognizance as above with Thos Parker his surety.

Peter Misner appeared before the Board, pursuant to Citation, and took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance, as by Law appointed—

The memorial of Thomas Gustin was read setting forth, that he

he attended agreeably to requisition at Morristown to bear Testimony on behalf of the State against Sundry disaffected persons for the space of 16 days, on expense both himself and horse; That he has not received any Compensation for his said attendance; and praying that the Board would take the same into Consideration, and do therein what is fit & just.

Agreed that this Board is not competent to decide upon the subject-matter of the said Memorial, and therefore that it be referred to the Legislature.

Andrew McClean appeared before the Board pursuant to Citation, and took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance, agreably to Law.

Joseph Leamon appeared before the Board pursuant to Citation, and took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance agreably to Law.

The Board adjd to meet at New Germantown, in Hunterdon, on Tuesday the 15th of this Instant July, at 3 O'clock P. M.

The Board met pursuant to Adjt.

Tuesday, 15th July 1777

Present,
His Excellency the Governor,
Mr Scudder Mr Paterson
Mr Symmes Mr Mehelm
Mr Elmer

Ordered That Warrants be issued to cite the following Persons to be and appear before the Board to take the Oaths &c to witt: Jacob Hager, Wm Meerakey, Henry Smith, David Welsh, Mw Pew, Wm Buth, Jacob Rose, Jacob Stine, John Hen, Andrew Anbel, Anthony Sharp, Adam Perry, Adam Rhinehart, Adam Crips, Adam Shanket, Christian Oest, Coonrad Bume, Christian Kimpel, Christopher Kain, Junr, Daniel Pane, David Crestley, David Trimer, David Safrene, Frederick Safrene, Fredk Young, George Sliker, George Konk, George Sharp, Henry Sager, Jacob Tovert, Jeremiah Hendershed, John Bunn, John Colver, Jacob Frayee, Jacob Bodine, Jacob Sharp, Jacob Trimer, John Sharp, John Lick, John Morehouse & James Colver, inhabitants of the Co of Morris.

Adjd till tomorrow Morng 9 O'clock.

Wednesday 16 July 1.777

Met pursuant to adj^{t}

Present, as before,

Ordered that warrants be issued to cite the following persons, to be & appear before the Gov^{r} & Council to take the Oaths &c, Jeremiah Cramer, John Fonger, Jacob Hile, John Hager, Isaac Cowel, John Mann, Laurence Bunn, Laurence Sliker, Laurence Roeloffson, Leonard Shankel, Leonard Trimer, Morris Sharp, Mathias Thomas, Matthias Auled J^{r}, Martin Stine, Michael Beron, Nicholas Trimer, Powel Cretsley, Philip Hen, Peter Hen, Peter Smith, Peter Luce, Richard Sutton, Robert Colver, Samuel Pew, Stephen Tovert, Thomas Pew, Thomas Man J^{r} Thomas White, William Albough, William Nitzer, William Hen Jun^{r} William Trimer, William Patre, William Porter, William Young, William Pew, William Puce, W^{m} Duggen, Moses Goodwin, Michael Puce J^{r} Samuel Smith, W^{m} Mann, Fenwicke Taylor, Philip Wiser Jun^{r}, Roeloff Roloffson, Thomas Neal, Daniel Puce, John Stine, Henry Fraze, Jacob Stile, Sen^{r}, Peter Young, Mathias Trimer, William Welsh Sen^{r} Gabriel Philips, Laurence Hagar, Philip Wiser, Leonard Neighbour, Christopher Kam, John Walder, Morrice Sharp, Tretrick Stubel, Coonrad Rerick, Frederick Safrene Sen^{r}, John Sagar, William Hen, Gasper Eick, John Pizer, Jacob Hen, Robert Colver Sen^{r}, John Inman, Michael Lefan, Doct^{r} Adam Laurence, Andrew Flock, Tho^{s} Colven, Michael Aubal Sen^{r}, Morrice Creter, Philip Creter, William Welsh Jun^{r}, Philip Shiler, Samuel Swackhamer, Joseph Corp, Arnold Cleehaws, Henry Lever, Tho^{s} Hills & Andrew Flock Jun^{r}, inhabitants of the County of Morris.

The petition of David Campbell was read, setting forth, That he is a Native of Britain, that he has resided in America about 11 years, that he has for some time laboured under a disorder of the Scorbutick kind ; That it has hitherto baffled the skill of the most experienced physicians, That his Estate is considerably reduced ; That he is desirous of returning to his Native Country ; , and praying that this Board would Grant him a passport for that purpose.

Agreed That David Campbell, who is a Native of Great Britain, be allowed 3 weeks to settle his affairs, and then on taking an Oath not to say or divulge any Matter or Thing prejudicial to the United States, &c, to remove to the City of New York with his Effects.

Adj^{d} to 3 O'clock P. M.

Met

Met pursuant to Adj^{t}

Present as before.

None of the persons who had been sent for having come, the Council spent the afternoon in drawing recognizances &c with blanks, and then Adj^{d} to 9 O'clock tomorrow Morning.

Met pursuant to adj'^{t}.

Thursday 17th July 1.777

Present as before,

John Stine, W^{m} Welsh Jun^{r} Fenwick Taylor, Christian Oart, Jacob Stine, Jacob Hyd, Thomas Neal, & Hendrick Fraze, appeared before The Board pursuant to citation, and severally took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Leonard Neighbur, W^{m} Wilsh Sen^{r} and Jacob Coleman appeared before the Board, pursuant to Citation, and severally took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Joseph Layboyteaux, W^{m} Porter, Peter Laboyteaux, Joseph Coble, Christopher Hendershut, and Michael Pace appeared before the Board, pursuant to Citation, and severally took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by law appointed.

M^{r} Condict appeared and took his seat at the Board.

John Horton appeared before the Board & took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance Agreeably to Law.

Tedrick Strubel appeared before the Board, pursuant to citation & took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Adj^{d} till 3 O'clock P. M.

Met pursuant to Adj^{t}

Present as before.

Col^{s} Van Cortlandt and Potter and the Rev^{d} M^{c}Whorter & Caldwell, requesting to Appear before the Board on particular business; Ordered That they be Admitted.

The above Gentlemen appeared before the Board & gave a particular Account of the situation of Essex, Middlesex, &c; that the two Continental Regiments stationed along the Essex Coast, would be ordered to join the Grand Army, as soon as the Enemy's movements indicated their design & destination; That in such case the Coast would be exposed to the Depredation and Incursions of the Enemy on Staten Island, in which place it

it is probable a body of troops would be placed during the summer with a view to act offensively & especially to plunder the Jersey Shore; and requesting that a detachment of the Militia should be stationed as Guards in that part of the State, that Beacons and alarm posts should be fixed upon & appointed &c.

Mem° The above Entry must be inserted in the Minutes of the Privy Council.

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning 9 O'clock.

Friday 18th July 1.777

Met pursuant to adjt.

Present
His Excellency the Governor,

Mr Scudder,	Mr Symmes
Mr Elmer,	Mr Paterson
Mr Condict,	Mr Mehelm.

Daniel Johnson of the County of Essex, voluntarily appeared before the Board, and took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

On motion agreed, That Peter Dubois, Eliphelet Johnson, James Nuttman, Thomas Cadmus, Junr, John Robinson, John McGinnis & John Havens, be remanded to their former place of Imprisonment in the Gaol of Essex; they bearing the expenses of such removal.

Mr Camp appeared & took his seat at the Board.

Morrice Sharpenstein & William Allpaugh of the County of Morris, appeared before the Board pursuant to Citation, and severally took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Adjd to 3 O'clock P.M.

Met pursuant to adjt.

Present
His Excellency the Governor

Mr Elmer	Mr Paterson
Mr Condict	Mr Mehelm
Mr Symmes	Mr Camp

Mr Scudder

Gabriel Phillips appeared before the Board, pursuant to Citation, & took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration, and Allegiance as by Law appointed.

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The Memorial of Brian Leferty was read, praying that he may be permitted to go to Philad^{a} & memorialise the Congress or Board of War respecting his Situation & Case.

Agreed That M^{r} Bryan Leferty the above Mem^{rts} be so far discharged from his Parole, as to have leave to go to Philad^{a} to memorialize the Hon^{ble} Congress or Board of War respecting his situation & case, and return to his present place of abode in 3 Weeks from the date hereof; unless otherwise ordered by the Congress or the Board of War.

Agreed That M^{r} Condict have leave of absence until Monday next in the afternoon.

Isaac Smith appeared before the Board pursuant to citation, and took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Jacob Hagar & Anthony Sharp appeared before the Board, pursuant to citation, and severally took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Edward Hall appeared before the Board & took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance agreably to Law.

Adj'd till 9 O'clock tomorrow morning.

Met pursuant to adj^{t}.

Saturday, 19th July 1.777

Present

His Excellency the Governor

M^{r} Scudder	M^{r} Paterson
M^{r} Elmer	M^{r} Mehelm
M^{r} Symmes	M^{r} Camp

M^{r} Camp laid before the Board An Acct in the following Words,

Council of Safety D^{r}

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June 10	To 6 days riding Express - - -	£3	0	0
July 2	To Jacob Foster			
	3 days riding Express - - - - -	1	10	0
		£4	10	0

Ordered That the above Acct be paid.

Michael

Michael Brean appeared before the Board pursuant to Citation, and took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

M^r^ Scudder & M^r^ Symmes had leave of Absence.

Ordered That Warrants be made out to apprehend William Grover, Harry Waddell, Joseph Leonard, Richard Waln, & Robert Cooke of the C^o^ of Monmouth, and bring them before the Board without delay.

Adj^d^ to Monday Morning 9 O'clock.

Met pursuant to adj^t^

Monday 21^st^ July 1.777

Present.
His Excellency the Governor

M^r^ Elmer	M^r^ Paterson
M^r^ Condict	M^r^ Mehelm

There not being a sufficient number of Members to make a board, Oliver Barnet Esq^r^ One of the Magistrates in the County of Hunterdon, Was called in & took his seat Accordingly.

John Pizor, Casper Eick, Robert Colver, Jacob Bodine, Laurence Roeloffson, William Booth, & Samuel Smith, persons who had been cited to appear before the Board, on the score of being dangerous to the present Gov^t^, appeared before M^r^ Mehelm, one of the Members, On Saturday last, after the Board had adj'^d^ And severally took & Subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Peter Young, Michael Pace, David Crosly, Laurence Hager, W^m^ Trimmer, Adam Parry, Paul Crosly, Moses Goodin, W^m^ Pace, Jacob Frieze and George Sliger, appeared before the Board pursuant to citation, and severally took & subscribed the Oaths of abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Agreed, That Thomas White of the C^o^ of Morris, Taylor, have leave to go into the Enemy's lines on Staten Island, with his wife & 3 children, between this and next Thursday Morning; and if seen in this State after that day, All Officers, Civil & Military, are directed to apprehend him, & bring him before the Gov^r^ & Council of Safety.

Adj'^d^ to 3 O'clock P. M.

Met pursuant to adj^t^

Present as before

Ordered, That Warrants be issued to cite the following persons, to be and appear before the Gov^r^ & Council on Friday, the 25th of this Instant, to take the Oaths &c to wit, Joseph

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S^t^ Clair, John Allen, Nathan^l^ McPherson, John Davis, Aaron Large, John Large, John Emley, John Rockhill, Barth^lw^ Thatcher, Thomas Cahill, Aaron Furman, D^r^ Robert Taylor, at the Union, Robert Large, John Grandine, & Jer^h^ King, all inhabitants of the County of Hunterdon.

Ordered, That James Parker, of Hunterdon be by letter warned to appear before the Board & take the Oaths &c,

Daniel Pace, Thomas Hill, & Timothy Colver, appeared before the Board pursuant to Citation, and severally took and subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Joseph Collver one of the people called Quakers, appeared before the Board pursuant to citation, and took and subscribed Affirmations, to the Effect of the Oaths to the State, agreeably to an Act of the Legislature.

The petition of sundry persons, inhabitants of Bergen, apprehended by order of the Gov^r^ & Council of Safety, and now in confinement in the Gaol of Morris, was read; Setting forth, that the Gaol is exceedingly unhealthy, dangerous and disagreable, and praying that they may be brought to a speedy hearing, and in the meantime, that they may be permitted to take private Lodgings within the Limits of the township of Morristown, giving their Parole or security that they will not depart from the limits prescribed them, until discharged by the Board.

Agreed that the above petitioners have leave to take private Lodgings within the limits of one mile from the Gaol at Morristown, on giving Bond, with Surety, to the Sheriff of Morris, for the use of the State, in the sum of £1.000 Each, not to depart the limits aforesaid, until duly permitted by the Gov^r^ & Council of Safety of this State.

The petition of Isaac Ogden, George Walts, and Aaron Kingsland was read, setting forth, That they were removed from the Gaol of Essex to that of Morris by order of this Board; That from the difficulty of getting their provisions dressed, from the Stench & filth of the Gaol, the unhealthy state of the air of the town of Morris, and the prevalance of the Bloody Flux, and Camp Fever in said town, their lives are in great danger, and praying that they may be speedily tried for the Crimes of which they stand charged, and in the meantime that they may be remanded to the Gaol of Essex.

Agreed that Isaac Ogden, George Walts, and Aaron Kingsland be remanded to their former place of Imprisonment in the Gaol of Essex; they bearing the expense of such removal.

M^r^ Camp appeared and took his seat at the Board.

Adj^d^ till tomorrow Morn^g^ 9 O'clock. Tuesday,

Tuesday, 22 July 1.777

Met pursuant to Adj^{t}

Present.
His Excellency the Gov^{r}
M^{r} Elmer M^{r} Paterson
M^{r} Condict M^{r} Mehelm
M^{r} Camp

Jacob Engellman voluntarily appeared before the Board, and took and subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Samuel Arlas voluntarily appeared before the Board, the 21st Inst, and took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance agreably to law.

Ordered That Warrants be issued to apprehend and bring the foll^{g} persons forthwith before the Gov^{r} & Council of Safety, to take the Oaths &c, to wit: Christopher Vandevender, Jacob Vandevender, John Teeplenn T. keeper; Jacob Eoff Sen^{r}, Jacob Eoff Jun^{r}, John Thompson, Samuel Siloy, Joseph Kelly, Thomas Willot, John Fossey, Aaron Craig, D^{r} John Brown, John Castner Sen^{r}, John Castner Jun^{r} Abraham Castner, David King Sen^{r}, & David King Jun^{r} of Pluckemin.

Ordered, That Warrants be issued to apprehend & bring the following persons forthwith before the Gov^{r} & Council of Safety, to take the Oaths &c, to wit: James Castner, Peter Seeple, Samuel Perry, John Steel, Jacob Fussler, John Aupelman, Tice Aupelman, Philip Meelick, Jacob Castner, Peter Meelick, John Shaw & Elisha Laurannce, of the County of Somerset.

Mathias McKinstey of Hunterdon voluntarily appeared before the Board, and took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

M^{r} Mehelm had leave of absence.

Adj^{d} to 3 O'clock P. M.

Met Pursuant to adj^{t}

Present
His Excellency the Governor
M^{r} Elmer M^{r} Paterson
M^{r} Condict M^{r} Camp

There not being a sufficient number of members to make a Board

Board, Oliver Barnet Esq^r one of Justices of the Peace in the County of Hunterdon, was called in, & took his seat accordingly.

John Waldorf, Conrad Rerick, George Sharp & Roeloff Roeloffson, appeared before the Board pursuant to Citation, and severally took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Joseph Shea voluntarily appeared before the Board, and took and subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance agreeably to Law.

John Sharp of the County of Morris voluntarily appeared before the Board, and took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Ordered, that a Warr^t be issued to the Constable of Lebanon, to apprehend George Horthrun, Nicholas Linnerberry, Fred^k Fritz, George Bangheart, Henry Connolly, and John Croley, & bring them before the Governor & Council of Safety, to take the Oaths &c, on Thursday next.

John Inman, Jacob Hann, John Fouger, David Sovereign, W^m M^cCrakan, & Matthias Thomas, appeared before the Board, on Citation, and severally took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Ordered, That a Warrant be issued to apprehend and bring before the Board, John White said to be a deserter from Cap^tn Stout's Company, and now at work for & in the employ of M^r Justice Cole of Hunterdon.

William Hann of the County of Morris, appeared before the Board pursuant to citation, and took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Adj^d to tomorrow morning 9 O'clock.

Wednesday July 23 1.777

Met pursuant to adj^t.

Present.
His Excellency the Governor
M^r Camp M^r Mehelm
M^r Elmer M^r Condict

There not being a sufficient number of members to make a Board, Oliver Barnet Esq^r One of the Justices of the Peace in the C^y of Hunterdon, was called in & took his seat accordingly.

Henry Smith, George Conck, Jacob Wise, Jacob Dufford, Adam

Adam Segor, David Trimmer, Morris Cretor, Stephen Dufford, Christopher Babel, Michael Levet, Philip Dercberah, Peter Hen, Christopher Kann, Philip Weis, William Nitzer, and Sam^l^ Sego, of the C^o^ of Morris appeared before the Board pursuant to citation, and took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Robert Culver of Morris C^o^ being excited to take the Oaths, refused, and entered into recognizance to appear at the next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be held for said County.

Adj^d^ to 3 O'clock P. M.

Met pursuant to Adj^t^

Christopher Kimball of the C^o^ of Morris, appeared before the Board pursuant to Citation, and took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Walter Rutherford & Ja^s^ Parker of Hunterdon C^o^ being Cited to take the Oaths, appeared, & upon their refusal, according to the order of the council, ent^d^ into recognizance to appear at the next Court of Gen^l^ Q^r^ Sessions of the Peace to be held for said County.

Adjd to tomorrow morng 9 O'clock.

Thursday July 24^th^ 1.777

Met, pursuant to Adj^t^

Present
His Excellency the Governor
M^r^ Condict M^r^ Elmer
M^r^ Camp M^r^ Mehelm
M^r^ Paterson

After Adj^t^ last Evening, Sam^l^ Ketcham of Morris County appeared before his Excellency the Governor & took the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance to the State as by Law directed.

Abijah Merrit, Rob^t^ Nisbett, Fred^k^ Ferriberry, Frederick Fraze, & Peter Hind appeared before the Board pursuant to citation, and severally took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Richard Mann appeared before the Board, pursuant to citation, and being One of the people called Quakers, took & subscribed the Affirmations to the Effect of the Oaths.

Thos Colver, Lambert Van Sicklen, Simon Colver, John Winckler,

Winckler, Ephraim Tuthill Jun^{r}, & David Hagar appeared before the Board pursuant to citation, and severally took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

William Hedden & Levi Mann, of the C^{o} of Morris appeared before the Board pursuant to citation, and severally took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

John Fisher appeared before the Board, pursuant to citation, & took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Giles Lee 1st Lieu^{t} in a Comp^{y} of Militia, belonging to the C^{o} of Morris, voluntarily appeared & took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

W^{m} Giston app^{d} before the Board, pursuant to citation, & took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Isaac Lockman app^{d} before the Board, pursuant to citation, & took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

John Kelly, Frederick Fritz, and W^{m} Anderson of the C^{o} of Morris, appeared before the Board, pursuant to citation, and severally took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

George Hover app^{d} before the Board, pursuant to citation, & took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance as by Law appointed.

John Dusenberry app^{d} before the Board, pursuant to citation, and took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Martin Gates, Tho^{s} Betson, & Peter Lewis app^{d} before the Board pursuant to citation, and severally took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Adj^{d} to 3 O'clock P.M.

Met pursuant to adj^{t}.

Present, as before.

Daniel M^{c}Donald Esq^{re} 2nd Major of the 2nd Regiment of Foot Militia, in the C^{o} of Hunterdon, under the command of Co^{l} Beavers, having removed into the C^{o} of Sussex, the Board Elected Garrat Albertson Esq^{r} to be 2nd Major of the said Regiment.

George Banghart of Hunterdon, appeared before the Board pursuant to citation, & took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance agreeably to Law.

John

John White a deserter from Captn Stout's Coy, was apprehended & brought before the Board; and on his Examn, having confessed, that he belongs to the said Coy, the Board delivered him to the care and committed him to the charge of Mr Justice Cole, who promised & Engaged to convey him to his Company without delay.

Wm Dals was brought before the Board and took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Adj till tomorrow Mong 9 O'clock,

Friday 25 July 1.777

Met pursuant to Adjt

Present as before.

Dr Aaron Craig & John Teeple, Tavern Keeper, appd before the Board pursuant to citation, and severally took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance agreably to Law.

John Thompson & Saml Selby, appd before the Board, pursuant to citation, and severally took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance agreeably to Law.

David King Senr & Jacob Eoff Esqr Junr appeared before the Board, pursuant to citation, and severally took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance as by Law directed.

Jacob Eoff Senr, appeared before the Board, pursuant to citation, & took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

John Castner Senr of Morris Co, appeared before the Board, pursuant to citation, and took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance, agreeably to Law.

John Castner Junr & Coonrad Castner, appeared before the Board, pursuant to citation and severally took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

John Castner Senr & David King Junr of Somerset, appeared before the Board, pursuant to citation, & severally took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

John Aupelman & Mathias Aupelman, being too much indisposed to attend on the Board, and they having Sent certificates of their having taken the Oaths before Mr Justice Sebring; Agreed that the said Certificate be sufficient & that their attendance be dispensed with.

Philip Meelick appeared before the Board pursuant to citation, and produced a certificate of his having taken the Oaths agreably to Law, on the 12th of this Instant, July, whereupon he was dismissed.

Jacob

Jacob Castner & John Castner Jun^r of Somerset, appeared before the Board pursuant to citation, and severally took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Joseph Kelly appeared before the Board, pursuant to citation, and took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Adj^d till 3. O'clock P. M.

Met pursuant to Adj^t

Present as before.

The Memorial & Petition of Maria Elizabeth Lesten was read; Setting forth, That she is a Native of Holland, from whence she removed with her husband, Michael Henry Lesten, to Rio Demarari, a Dutch settlement in the West Indies, where they had lived 10 years; That upwards of 3 years ago, having lost her health in Demarari, She undertook a voyage to North America, and landed at New Hampshire with 3 young children; That her husband intended, after he had settled and adjusted his business, to follow her to America, in order to reside the remainder of their days; That the difficulty of settling his business in the West Indies, prevented his intended voyage, until the present unhappy disputes in America, obliged him to lay aside all thoughts of carrying those his intentions into Execution at present; That she has lived a great part of the time she has been in America at Amboy, which place she was obliged to quit last Fall, and now resides at M^rs Crooks at Rariton with her 3 children; That she has been at a very great expense in the maintenance & several removals of herself & family, and from the disappointment in remittances intended for her by her husband, is reduced very low in her finances, and seeing no end to the present disputs, thinks it prudent for her to endeavour to recover such of her Effects as may have been taken by the British Ships of War, or to procure Leave of the Commander of the British Troops to Return to Demerari, and upon obtaining such leave to procure a passage thither for herself & family; and praying that the Board would be pleased to grant her a passport, to New York, where she expects she may be advised of and assisted in such steps as may be proper & necessary for her to take for the attainment of the ends proposed; And if she cannot attain them, that she may return and provide for herself in the best manner she can.

Agreed, that M^rs Maria Elizabeth Lesten have leave to go to

the City of New York with her children, agreeably to the Prayer of her Memorial, and if she thinks proper to return to this State, on taking an oath that she will not carry nor bring with her any despatches respecting the present War between Great Britain and the United States of America, nor on any political subject relative to the said War, nor say nor do anything prejudicial to this State, or the United States afors^{d}.

Adam Leake & Tho^{s} Kellyham appeared before the Board, pursuant to citation & severally took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by law appointed.

Nathaniel Bedson, and Tho^{s} Kendry, appeared before the Board pursuant to citation, & severally took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance as by Law appointed.

John Taylor appeared before the Board, pursuant to citation, and took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance as by Law appointed.

W^{m} Thornhill appeared before the Board, pursuant to citation, & took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Tho^{s} Willet & Jacob Vandevender, appeared before the Board pursuant to Citation, and severally took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance, as by Law appointed.

John Hagar app^{d} before the Board pursuant to Citation, and took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance as by Law appointed,

His Excellency was pleased to lay the Board a letter from John Emley of Hunterdon, who was cited to appear before the Board in order that the Oaths might be tendered him, excusing his non-attendance, as he has been for some days past confined to his Room by Sickness.

Jacob Schuyler, John Schuyler W^{m} Weir & Philip Cramer of Morris app^{d} before the Board, pursuant to citation, and severally took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

D^{r} Aaron Furman of Hunterdon, being brought before the Board, pursuant to warr^{t}, refused to take the Oaths as by Law directed, and the Gov^{r} & Council, deeming him to be too dangerous a person to be suffered to go at Large, upon giving security for his appearance at the next Court of General Q^{r} Sessions of the Peace, in & for the C^{o} of Hunterdon, agreed that the said Aaron Furman should be committed to close custody in the Common Gaol at Trenton, in the C^{o} afore^{sd}, Whereupon a Warr^{t} of Commitment was made out accordingly.

Joseph

Joseph S^{t} Clair, John Allen, & Nathaniel M^{c}Pherson of Hunterdon, being brought before the Board, pursuant to Warrant, refused to take the Oaths as prescribed by Law, and the Gov^{r} & Council, deeming them to be too dangerous persons to be suffered to go at Large, upon giving security for their appearance, at the next Court of Gen^{l} Q^{r} Sessions, of the Peace in & for the C^{o} of Hunterdon, Agreed, That the said Joseph S^{t} Clair, John Allen, & Nathaniel M^{c}Pherson be committed to close custody in the common Gaol of Trenton, in the C^{o} af^{sd}, Whereupon Warr^{ts} of Commitm^{t} were made out accordingly.

Aaron Large, being brought before the Board pursuant to Warrant, and being one of the people called Quakers, refused to take Affirmations to the Effect of the Oaths to the State; and the Gov^{r} & Council judging him to be too dangerous a Person to go at Large upon giving security for his appearance at the next Court of Gen^{l} Q^{r} Sessions of the Peace in & for the C^{o} of Hunterdon, Agreed that the said Aaron Large be committed to close custody in the common Gaol at Trenton, in the C^{oy} af^{sd}; whereupon a Warr^{t} of Commitment was made out accordingly.

Daniel Cahill appeared before the Board pursuant to Warrant, and the Oaths to Gov^{t} being tendered to him he refused to take them, but was willing to be bound, with surety, for his appearance at the next Court of Q^{r} Sessions &c, Whereupon the said Daniel Cahill, entered into Recognizance with M^{r} Campbell, his surety, in £300 Each, before the Gov^{r} & Council of Safety, for his appearance the next Court of G^{l} Q^{r} Sessions, of the Peace for the C^{o} of Hunterdon, and in the meantime to be of the Peace & of the good behaviour, and not depart the Court without Leave; and was thereupon dismissed.

The petition of Mathias Sharp, Peter Dumont, John Berry, and John Bockman, was read: Setting forth, That some time in Dec^{r} & Jany last, when the Continental Army was marching through this State; Several horses were taken from them by order of the Command^{g} Officers for the use of said Army; for which they have rec^{d} certificates; That they have applied to the Q. M. Gen^{l} for payment, but it was refused, & praying, that this Board would be pleased to take the Matter under consideration & grant relief in the premises.

Ordered, That the said Petition lie on the Table for the perusal & Consideration of the Members.

Adj^{d} to 8 O'clock tomorrow Morning.

Met

Met pursuant to Adj^{t}

Saturday, July 26th 1.777

Present as before.

John Todd of Somerset voluntarily appeared before the Board, and took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed

Whereas Howard, and Rodney, who were lately residents in this State, have gone over to the enemy, & notwithstanding have left their families behind them; It is therefore agreed & resolved, That Cap^{tn} Cornelius Tunison, of Somerset be directed to remove Bloomy Howard, wife of the said Howard, and Elizabeth Rodney wife of the said Rodney, and her two children from the C^{o} of Somerset, af^{sd} to Staten Island, or the South east side of Hackensack River, in order to go into the Enemy's lines. And the said Capt^{n} is hereby ordered to make return to this Board of his proceedings therein, and the expense of such removal.

William Hughes of Morris, appeared before the Board, pursuant to citation, and took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Andrew Sergeant & David Sergeant of Morris, voluntarily appeared before the Board & severally took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Henry Weaver & Hezekiah Drake of Morris County appeared before the Board pursuant to citation, & severally took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Peter Hartsaugh, Abraham Sickel, and Peter Weaver appeared before the Board, pursuant to citation, & severally took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Mathias Harris of Morris voluntarily appeared before the Board and took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Jacob Van Sickle app^{d} before the Board pursuant to citation, and took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance, as by Law appointed.

John Grandin of Hunterdon appeared before the Board, pursuant to citation, and took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Robert Taylor Esq of Hunterdon appeared before the Board pursuant to citation, and produced a certificate of his having taken the Oaths as by Law appointed before M^{r} Justice Johnson on the 28th of May last.

Joseph

Joseph Drake, Daniel Laurance & Christian Hoffman all of Morris County, appeared before the Board pursuant to citation, and severally took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance, as by Law appointed.

Captn W^m^ Laurance of Morris voluntarily appeared before the Board, & took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

M^r^ Paterson had leave of Absence.

The Council adj^d^ to meet at Morristown, on Monday, the 28th of this Instant, July, at 3 O'clock in the afternoon.

After the adj^t^ of the Board, Peter Massig appeared on Citation, and took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Jacob Evert of Morris appeared before the Board, after Adjt afs^d^, and took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Monday July 28th 1.777

Met pursuant to Adj^t^.

Present
M^r^ Camp M^r^ Elmer
M^r^ Condict,

There not being a Quorum adj^d^ to tomorrow two o'clock P. M.

Tuesday, July 29th 1.777

Met pursuant to adj^t^

Present,
His Excellency the Governor,
M^r^ Hart M^r^ Elmer
M^r^ Manning M^r^ Condict
M^r^ Camp

John Van Orden being called as an Evidence against prisoners from Bergen, in Hackensack, sworn, & he not knowing anything material his Evidence was not committed to writing.

Agreed That the Sheriff of Morris remove W^m^ Newman, a prisoner in the common Gaol, who has the Smallpox to the hospital in Morristown.

John

John Vanorden appeared before the Council, and took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance.

David Anderson being called to evidence against Bergen prisoners, sworn, but his evidence not being material was not committed to writing, he then took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance.

Abraham Allen being called as an evidence against Bergen prisoners, was sworn, but his Evidence not being material was not committed to writing, he then took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance.

M^r^ Camp has leave of absence on extraordinary occasion.

Adj^d^ till tomorrow morning 9 O'clock.

Wednesday July 30th

Met pursuant to adj^t^.

Present
His Excellency the Governor
M^r^ Hart M^r^ Manning
M^r^ Condict M^r^ Elmer

There not being a sufficient number of members to make a board, Benj^in^ Halsey Esq^r^ one of the Justices of the Peace for the C^o^ of Morris, was called in & took his seat in Council.

Abraham Ogden presented a petition, to the Council, signed by Nicholas Hoffman, Abraham Ogden & Samuel Ogden, setting forth; That David Ogden Esq late of Newark, who on the 5th day of Jan^y^ last went over to Jamaica on Long Island to recover his health, and that the said David Ogden hath not yet recovered his health, so far as to be able to return home; "Praying that the Sale of the personal Estate of the said David Ogden "should be deferred until the health of the said David Ogden "will permit him to return to the State of New Jersey, when "by complying with the terms of the Act of Grace or such "others as shall then be thought proper, he may entitle himself "to the protection & confidence of the Gov^t^ of New Jersey."

The Council taking the above petition into consideration are of opinion that they cannot grant the prayer thereof without suspending the operations of An Act of the Legislature, which has made no such exceptions, but that if the said David Ogden can produce sufficient reasons why his present Estate though disposed of agreeable to Law, should be restored to him, Application for that purpose must be made to the Legislature of the State, in whom alone is vested the power of relieving him.

Albert

Albert J. Bogert, appeared before the Council & took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance.

William Hammill app^{d} before the Council, & took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance.

Richard Heaton appeared before the Council & took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance.

Abraham Ely & Gillium Outwater appeared before the Council & took and subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance.

Herman Brays, John Quackenbush, & John Duryee, appeared before the Council, & took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance.

The Council adjd to 3 o'clock P. M.

The Council met pursuant to adj^{t}

Present as before.

Agreed that Garret Lydecker Esq^{r} be appointed a Commissioner for the C^{o} of Bergen, for the purposes mentioned in an Act of free & General pardon, & for other purposes therein mentioned, in the room of Teunis Dey Esq who refused to act. Whereupon the said Garret Lydecker was commissioned accordingly.

Cornelius D. Blauvelt being called as an evidence against the Bergen prisoners, was sworn & his deposition taken in writing &c,

Abraham J Blauvelt being called before the Council, as an Evidence against the Bergen prisoners, was sworn & his deposition was committed to writing.

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning 9 O'clock.

July 31 1.777

Met pursuant to adj'^{t}

Present as before.

Coll^{o} Philip Van Courtlandt, who had been ordered to remove several women (being the wives of persons who had gone over to the Enemy) to the south side of Hackensack River, to go into the Enemy's lines made return of the execution of his orders in the words following to wit :

Second River July 24 1.777

Sir,

At bottom you have a return of the women & children, conveyed

veyed to the South side of Hackensack River, according to your Excellency's orders of the 11th Instant,

I am, Sir,
Your most Humble Sert
PHILIP V. CORTLANDT.

Captn Jos Pierson's return of the women & children sent to the Enemy's Lines to wit:

Mary Kingsland with 2 children
Mary Stages do 1 d.
Felia Riker not sent being near her time.
Frontie Interest with 1 child
Mary Garrabrants with 3 children
Elizabeth Howet " 1 child
Martha Hicks " 4 children
Mehatabel Houdnot " 1 child.
Hannah Weeks " 8 children
Mary Garrabrants " 2 do
Jane Drummond " 2 do
Lydia Sayres,
Margaret Nichols " 2 do
Sara Crawford " 1 do
Abigail Ward " 1 do
Libitie VanRiper, her husband returned & has taken the Oaths.
Altie VanRiper, her husband returned & has taken the Oaths.
Elizabeth Brown.

John Outwater being called as an evidence against the Bergen prisoners, was sworn & his deposition was committed to writing.

Ordered that a warrant be issued to apprehend George Ryerse Esqr, who has long been with the Enemy, & has for some time past left them & has returned to his farm, but has not applied to any magistrate for the Benefit of the act of grace;—

Ordered that Jost Zobrisci be subpoenad as a witness.

Adam Boyd was examined as a Witness against John Demarest & his evidence reduced to writing.

Adjd to 3 O'clock P. M.

Met pursuant to adj't

Present as before.

Cornelius Harring was examined as a Witness against Captn John Banta, & his Evidence was committed to writing.

Agreed that Garret Vangieson, be apprehended & imprisoned

oned in the Common Gaol in the County of Morris, agreeable to an Act of the Legislature of this State, entitled, An act for rendering more Effectual two certain Acts therein mentioned; in order to induce the enemy to releaze one or more of such of the good subjects of this State as they have taken and still keep in confinement; the said Vangieson to be kept in said Gaol, till thence delivered by order of said Governor & Council,

Adj^{d} to 9 O'clock tomorrow Morn^{ng}.

August, 1st 1.777

Met pursuant to adj^{t}

Present, as before,

Agreed, that Christiania Depuyster the wife of William Depuyster, Jun^{r} at present residing near Orange Town, have permission to remove with her children, Servants & Effects to the City of New York to her husband.

Agreed, That Lieut Jost Zebrisci, of Peramus have liberty to raise a Co^{y} of Volunteers, in the C^{o} of Bergen, consisting of 30 men to be under his command, and that with the said Party he apprehend & send to the Gov^{r} & Council of Safety, wherever they shall then sit, all such persons who have gone over to the Enemy since the 4th day of October last, & are since returned without taking the benefit of the Act of Pardon, and without proper Passes from Persons duly qualified to grant the same, and also to apprehend & send to the said Governor & Council, of Safety, such persons as may hereafter go to or return from New York, without proper passes, during his command of the said Detachment, and also to apprehend & send as aforesaid, all persons who have been Guilty of plunder, or who shall plunder the inhabitants of the said Co. during his command, always taking care to send with the prisoners a particular Account to prove their offences, & the witnesses who can prove the same, or their affidavits in writing taken before a Civil Magistrate. In case the said Jost Zebrisci, declines the above Commission, Jabob C. Zebrisci, is hereby authorized to raise and command the above party, and to follow the above directions.

WIL LIVINGSTON.

The above Com^{n} to be in force for one month from the date hereof.

Adj^{d} to 3 o'clock P. M.

Met

Met pursuant to adj^{t}

Present.
His Excellency the Governor
M^{r} Hart M^{r} Halsey
M^{r} Condict M^{r} Elmer
M^{r} Manning.

John Earl of Bergen C^{o} having been apprehended as a suspicious person, disaffected to the present Gov^{t}, was called in & examined & took the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance.

John Earle appeared before the Council & took the Oaths of abjuration & Allegiance.

Thomas Welcher of Morris County having lately been with the Enemy on Staten Island, was apprehended, and brought before the Council, upon his Examination Saith, That he left the Enemy with an intent to claim & receive the benefit of the Act of free & General Pardon ; and altho' since he came over his conduct has been very imprudent, and suspicious, yet declaring that his true design was to come in and deliver himself up, being fully convinced of his Error in going over to the Enemy, and that it was his duty & interest to defend his country in future, was admitted the benefit of the said Act, by taking the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance agreeable to the directions of the same,

Adj'^{d} till tomorrow Mor^{ng} 9 O'clock.

Saturday 2 Aug^{t} 1.177

Met pursuant to adj'^{t}

Present
His Excellency the Governor
M^{r} Condict M^{r} Halsey
M^{r} Hart M^{r} Elmer
M^{r} Manning.

Cap^{tn} John Banta app^{d} before the Council & after examining he agreed that he upon his taking the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance and giving security for his appearance at the next Court of General Sessions of the Peace to be holden & for the County of Bergen C^{o} the Oaths were tendered accordingly & he took & subscribed the same, and the said John Banta & David Duryee Entered into Recognizance in the sum of £300 Each.

Adj^{d} till Monday 2 O'clock P. M.

Monday

Monday, Aug^{t} 4, 1.777

The Council met pursuant to Adj^{t}

Present
His Excellency the Governor.
M^{r} Elmer M^{r} Halsey
M^{r} Manning M^{r} Condict
John Mehelm

Agreed that Hyram Hayward a Wounded Soldier belonging to Morris C^{o} Militia, have the sum of £7 10| towards his subsistence.

David Bruin who had been Committed here by Captn W^{m} Chambers, stationed at Pompton, for passing 2 Counterfeit $30 Bills, made in imitation of the Continental Currency, to Abraham Manning of Pompton, was called before the Board & confessed his passing the Bills, but denied his knowing them to be counterfeit; declaring that they were given to him by   of New York to purchase An horse; Confessed Also, That he had lately been at Staten Island, Long Island & New York, and returned from the Enemy's Lines to Bergen County about 3 weeks ago, without any permission or passport for either going or returning & declared his willingness to Inlist on board the Continental Fleet.

Ordered, That the said David Bruin be committed to the Gaol of the C^{o} of Morris, for passing the said Counterfeit Bills, & if acquitted on his trial of the charge, that he have the benefit of the Act respecting the other Offence, by going on board the Continental Navy.

Whereupon a Warrant of Commitment was made out for said Bruin.

Andrew Van Buskirk app^{d} before the Board, and confessed on Examination, that he had sold provisions to the Enemy since he took y^{e} Oaths to the State.

Ordered That s^{d} Andrew Van Buskirk be committed to New Ark Gaol & a Warrant of Commitment was thereupon made out for said Vanbuskirk.

Adj^{d} till tomorrow Morning 9 O'clock.

Tuesday August 5 1.777

y^{e} Council met pursuant to Adj^{t}

Present.
His Excellency the Governor.
M^{r} Condict M^{r} Halsey
M^{r} Elmer M^{r} Manning
M^{r} Mehelm

David

David Vanbuskirk a prisoner from Bergen C° appeared before the Board and on examination declared his innocence & offered to take the Oaths to the State, and no evidence nor any particular charge, appearing Against him, He was discharged after taking & subscribing the Oaths as by Law appointed.

Adj^d till 3 O'clock P. M.

The Council met, pursuant to Adj^t

Present as before.

Examined a number of the Bergen prisoners & referred them to a further Opportunity.

Adj^d till tomorrow Morng 9 O'clock.

Wednesday, Aug^t 6^th

The Council met, pursuant to Adj^t,

Present.
His Excellency the Governor.
M^r Condict M^r Mehelm
M^r Elmer M^r Halsey
M^r Manning

Ordered that Sam^l Wells & his wife be cited to appear before the Gov^r & Council of Safety, on Friday next at 10. O'clock in the forenoon, & that Jonathan Dunn be subpoenaed to give Evidence against M^rs Wells.

M^r Yost Zabriska, being called as a Witness against the Bergen prisoners, was sworn.

Derick Banta, John Degroot, Seba Blinkerhoof, Lawrence Ackerman, Michael Smith & Cornelius Ab^m Herring, prisoners from Bergen C°, appeared before the Board, and on Examination declared their innocence, and offered to take the Oaths, and no Evidence nor any particular charge appearing Against them, they were discharged upon taking and subscribing the Oaths as by Law appointed.

Yost Zabriska upon Oath Charged John Demarest Esq^r Lawrence E. Acreman, D^r Ja^s Vanburen, John Zabriska, Gabriel Van Norden, John Banta, Casparus Westervelt, Cap. Demarest, Cornelius Herring Esq^r, John Debarre, Peter J. Herring, John Duryea, David J. Duryea, Peter Bogert, Cornelius Banta, Simon Simonson, John Powelson, Cornelius Bogert, Samuel Lydecker, Jacob Demot, Peter Degroot, John Degroot, Garret Van Gieson, & John Buskirk, with being disaffected to the Gov^t of this State.

The Council adj^d untill 3 O'clock P. M. Met

Met pursuant to Adj^{t}

Marg^{t} M^{c}Lean & Joanna Wood being called to give Evidence against William Wright & his wife, was sworn & their Evidence Comitted to writing.

Adj^{d} till 8 o'clock tomorrow Morning.

Thursday, Aug^{t} 7th

The Council Met.

Present as before.

D^{r} James Vanburen, & Henry Kingsland prisoners from Bergen C^{o} appeared before the Board & produced such Evidence to the Board as induced them to discharge them upon their taking the Oaths and entering into recognizance to appear at the next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, to be held for the County of Bergen. Peter Zabriska was security for Van Buren, & Jn^{o} Zabriska for H. Kingsland.

Peter Bogert a prisoner from Bergen, upon taking the Oaths, by Law app^{d}, was discharged.

M^{rs} Williams was sworn as a Witness against M^{r} & M^{rs} Wright but her Evidence not being material was not committed to writing.

Adj^{d} to 3 O'clock P. M.

Met pursuant to adj^{t}.

Jacob Dey a prisoner from Bergen, was discharged upon taken & subscribing the Oaths appointed by Law.

M^{rs} Hannah Wright wife of William Wright was brought before the Board, and charged on the Oaths of Margaret McClean & Joanna Wood, of an Offence Against the third section of An Act, Entitled An Act to punish Traitors & disaffected persons.

Ordered that Hannah Wright be committed to the Gaol of New Ark; Whereupon a Warrant of Commitment was made out accordingly.

Mesheck Walker was brought before the Board, and charged upon his own Confession of High Treason.

Ordered That the said Mesheck Walker be committed to the Gaol at New Ark, Whereupon a Warrant of Commitment was made out accordingly.

Whereas The Board has rec^{d} information that John Troop, Peter Saunders, & James Moody, are recruiting for the Enemy within this State.

Ordered That C^{ol} John Munson &   do forthwith apprehend & bring before the Governor & Council of Safety, the said John Troop, Peter Saunders & James Moody.

Adj^{d} to 8 O'clock tomorrow Morning.

The Council met pursuant to Adj^{t}.

Present.
His Excellency the Governor.
M^{r} Elmer M^{r} Manning
M^{r} Condict M^{r} Mehelm
M^{r} Halsey.

The Offices of Lieut C^{ol} & first & Second Majors of the first regiment of Foot Militia in the C^{o} of Essex, commanded by Co^{l} Potter, being vacant, the following Gentlemen were appointed to said Offices, vizt Moses Jaques for Lieut Co^{l}, Jacob Crane first Major, & Ezekiel Woodruff J^{r} 2nd Major.

Ordered that Commissions be made out Accordingly.

Adj^{d} till 3 O'clock P. M.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Present as before.

Henry Shight from Sussex, having produced a certificate of his having taken the Oaths & entered into Recognizance with Rich^{d}. Johnson for his security to appear at the next Gen^{l} Q^{r} Sessions, of the Peace for the C^{o} aforesaid, and in the meantime to be of Good behaviour.

Also John Zabriska & Arent Schuyler, prisoners from Bergen, took the Oaths to the State, and Entered into Recognizance for their appearance at the next Court of Gen^{l} Q^{r} Sessions, of the Peace for the C^{o} of Bergen.

John Demarest appeared before the Board & entered into recognizance with Peter Zabriska, his surety in the sum of £300, to appear at the next Court of General Q^{r} Sessions of the Peace to be held for the C^{o} of Essex, at New Ark, and in the meantime to keep the peace & be of Good behaviour.

Adjourned till tomorrow Morng 8 O'clock,

The Council met pursuant to adj$^{"t}$

Present
His Excellency the Gov^{r}
M^{r} Elmer M^{r} Manning
M^{r} Mehelm M^{r} Halsey

The members met, were informed by a letter from M^{r} Condict, that he is thro indisposition prevented attending, & there not being a Sufficient number to proceed on business, the members adjourned till Monday at 3 O'clock P. M.

Monday,

Monday, Aug^{t} 11th

Met pursuant to adj^{t}

Present.
His Excellency the Governor
M^{r} Elmer M^{r} Manning
M^{r} Halsey M^{r} Mehelm

There not being a sufficient Number to proceed on business & a member being wrote for, who is not expected before Wednesday, Adj^{d} until Wednesday Morng 9 O'clock.

Wednesday Morng, the Council Met pursuant to adj^{t}.

Present
His Excellency the Governor.
M^{r} Elmer M^{r} Mehelm
M^{r} Hart. M^{r} Manning
M^{r} Halsey

M^{r} Reuben Randle, being apprehended & sent to the Council, by Major Sealy, on suspicion of Carrying on a Correspondence with the Enemy, & no Evidence of such appearing he was discharged on taking y^{e} Oaths.

Adjd till 3 O'clock P. M.

Met pursuant to adj^{t}

Present as before,

Lieut John Troop of the 3rd Battalion of New Jersey Volunteers, in the Enemy's service, having been apprehended by order of the Governor & Council as a Spy or recruiting for the Enemy was brought before the Council & Examined,

Ordered that the said Lieut John Troop, With his examination, be sent to Gen^{l} Washington.

Ordered That Henry Shoope & Peter Saunders, suspected as Spies from the Enemy, taken with Lieut Troop, be remanded to prison in order to determine whether they will take their trial or go on board the Navy of the United States.

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning 8 O'clock,

The Council met pursuant to adj^{t}

Present
His Excellency the Governor
M^{r} Condict M^{r} Mehelm
M^{r} Elmer M^{r} Halsey
M^{r} Manning M^{r} Hart

Silas

Silas Drake appeared before the Board pursuant to citation, and took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed,

Benj^in Tuttle & John Abel prisoners taken near Elizabethtown, belonging to Co^l Buskirk's Regiment was brought before the Board and Examined.

Ordered, That the said Benj^n Tuttle & John Abel be remanded back to prison to determine whether they will take their trial or go on board the Navy of the United States.

Adj^d till 3 O'clock P. M.

Met pursuant to adj^t

Present as before,

Cornelius Herring, John Debarre, John Duryea, Samuel Leydecker, & James Campbell, prisoners from Bergen, were brought before the Board & upon examination declared their innocence & offered to take the Oaths to the State, & no Evidence of Guilt appearing Against them they were discharged upon taking & subscribing the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Casparus Westervelt, one of the Bergen prisoners was discharged upon taking the Oaths & entering into recognizance with security to appear at the next Court of Gen^l Q^r Sessions of Peace for the C^o of Bergen, and to be in the Meantime of Good behaviour.

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning 9 O'clock.

Friday August y^e 15^th

The Council met.

Present.

His Excellency the Governor.

M^r Condict	M^r Hart
M^r Elmer	M^r Mehelm
M^r Manning	M^r Halsey.

Cornelius Banta a prisoner from Bergen, was brought before the Council & examined & upon his entering into recognizance with Simon Simonson security to appear at the next Court of Gen^l Q^r Sessions of the Peace & taking & subscribing the Oaths, was discharged.

David J. Duryea, Simon Simonson, Jacob Demot & Peter Perry, prisoners from Bergen, were discharged upon taking & subscribing the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Adjourned to 3 O'clock P. M.

Met

Met pursuant to adj^{t}.

Present as before.

The board being informed that Walter Rutherford & Ja^{s} Parker, of Hunterdon, who refused to take the Oaths when cited before the Gov^{r} & Council of Safety for that purpose, and were bound in Recognizance to Appear at the last Court of Gen^{l} Q^{r} Sessions of the peace to be held at Trenton, have also refused to take y^{e} s'^{d} Oaths before the s^{d} Court.

Ordered that the said Walter Rutherford & James Parker, be brought forthwith before y^{e} Governor & Council as persons disafected to this State.

Garret Demarest, Cornelius Bogert, John Powlison, Peter J. Herring, John Vanbuskirk, Gabriel Van Norden, Abraham Vanguson, Garret Vanguson, prisoners from Bergen were brought before the Board & examined;

Ordered That the said Garret Demarest, Cornelius Bogert, John Powlison, Peter J. Herring, John Vanbuskirk, Gabriel Van Norden, Abraham Vangieson, & Garret Vangieson, be confined as disaffected persons to the State, until an Equal number of our subjects, captivated by the Enemy, in that County be released, or until further order be taken therein.

Adj^{d} till 8 O'clock tomorrow Morning.

August 16th 1.777.

Met pursuant to adj^{t}

Present

His Excellency the Governor

M^{r} Manning — M^{r} Elmer

M^{r} Hart — M^{r} Halsey

M^{r} Condict

M^{r} Camp appeared & took his seat.

John Bray appeared before the Board & being duly sworn his deposition was taken in writing & filed.

Ordered that Benjamin Pound, Cornelius Boice, Daniel Rangan, Leonard Boice, & George Boice, be cited to appear before the Council on Tuesday next ;—All of Middlesex ;—

Agreed That Ebenezer Bishop, Jacob Rowland, David Jeryard, also be cited to appear before the Council on Tuesday next, & that Ichabod Bunn, Thomas Bloomfield, S^{r}, & Samuel Freeman, be cited as Evidence &c, Also Samuel Heard, Michael Long, John Kinsey, & Samuel Insley, be cited as Evidence; all of Middlesex County.

James Smith app^{d} before the Board & took & subscribed the Oaths

Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance, & gave in Evidence against James Stevens which was committed to writing & filed.

Ordered that M^r Camp pay Col Morgon the sum of £26 - 18 - 3 for apprehending & securing John Troop & others.

Agreed, That John Munson be appointed Co^l, Robert Gaston Lieut Co^l, Sam^l Sayers 1^st Major & John Start 2^nd Major of the Western Battalion in Morris County.

Ab^m Vanguson a prisoner Confined in the Common Gaol of Morris, was brought before the Board, & confessed he had been 3 times into the Enemies Lines in New York.

Ordered, That the said Ab^m Vangusen be confined in Morristown, in order to exchange for some one of the Good people of this State now confined in New York.

Edward Barnfield appeared before the Board and took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance.

Adj^d till 3 o'clock P. M.

Met pursuant to adj'^t.

Present
The Governor.
M^r Halsey M^r Hart
M^r Camp, M^r Elmer
M^r Condict

Ab^m Campfield app^d before the Board, and took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance.

Agreed That Lieut, Jedadiah Mills, take John Stewart & bring him before the Board on suspicion of being disaffected to the present Gov^t & that Noadiah Crammer be cited to appear next Monday to give Evidence against s^d Stewart.

Adj^d to Monday Morning 9 O'clock.

Aug^t 18. 1.777

Met pursuant to adj^t.

Present
His Excellency the Governor.
M^r Hart M^r Condict
M^r Elmer M^r Halsey

Pursuant to an order of Saturday last, Gabriel Vanorden, Cornelius Bogert, Garret Demarest, John Vanbuskirk, Garret Vangieson, John Pawlison & Peter J. Harring appeared before the

the Board & executed their Bond, to his Excellency the Governor in the sum of £5.000 dated 18 Aug^{t} 1.777 conditioned for them & each of them to be & remain at the late dwelling house of Nicholas Houghman, in Morristown or within one Mile thereof, and not to depart the limits above, without the Leave of the Council of Safety. & the Bond delivered to M^{r} Condict to keep.

Adj'd till 3 O'clock in the afternoon.

Met pursuant to adj^{t}:

Present as before.

Agreable to citation, Noadiah Crammer appeared before Council & gave Evidence against John Stewart, the same was taken in writing.

Sundry prisoners desiring to come before the Council, were admitted and heard, Also several of their parents were heard in behalf of & relative to the peculiar circumstances of their unhappy offspring.

The number of members being insufficient to make a board no determination could be had,

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning 8 o'clock.

Tuesday 19 Aug^{t} 1.777

Met pursuant to adj^{t}

Present

His Excellency the Governor

M^{r} Elmer	M^{r} Hart
M^{r} Halsey	M^{r} Condict

There not being a sufficient number to make a board, Adj^{d} till 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Met pursuant to adj^{t}.

Present

His Excellency the Governor.

M^{r} Elmer	M^{r} Hart
M^{r} Condict,	M^{r} Mehelm.

M^{r} Halsey.

Tho^{s} Bloomfield, Ebenezer Bishop, & Sam^{l} Freeman, cited to give Evidence against Benjamin Pound & others, was Examined but their Evidence not being material, it was not committed to writing.

Egbert Saunderson a prisoner from Essex, appeared before the

the Board & no particular charge nor any Evidence appearing against him, he was discharged upon taking & subscribing the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Adj^d^ till tomorrow Morng 9 O'clock.

Wednesday August 20^th^

The Council met pursuant to adj^t^

Present as before.

Ab^m^ Vanguson app^d^ before the Board, and gave bond with two securities for the sum of £500 penalty for his continuing within one mile of the Court House in Morristown, until discharged by the Gov^r^ from his confinement.

N B y^e^ Bond is committed to y^e^ care of M^r^ Condict

Cornelius Vanguson & Isaac Vanguson persons from Essex, taken by Co^l^ Morgan, was brought before the Board, and upon taking & subscribing the Oaths by Law Appointed were discharged.

David Brown, John Abell, Benjamin Tuttle, Henry Sharpe & Peter Saunders, prisoners to whose consideration it was referred, whether they would Enlist on board the Navy of the United States, or take a trial at Law for their offences, were brought before the Board & declared their Willingness to Enlist & did accordingly Enlist on board the Navy af^sd^, upon which the Board ordered them to be sent to Philadelphia under a Guard, to be put on board any of the vessels of war belonging to the United States which they may chuse.

John Stager & Aaron Clawson prisoners from Essex, were brought before the board & discharged upon their taking & subscribing the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Adj^d^ till 3 O'clock P.M.

Met pursuant to adj^t^

Present,
His Excellency the Gov^r^
M^r^ Condict M^r^ Mehelm
M^r^ Hart M^r^ Elmer
M^r^ Halsey.

The above mentioned prisoners who were permitted to go on board some of the vessels of war, belonging to the United States, signed an Enlistment in the Words following, viz.

Morristown

Morristown Aug^{t} 20 1.777

We the subscribers do hereby severally promise & agree to and with His Excellency Governor Livingston, to enter ourselves as Mariners on board of some vessel of War belonging to the United States of America, on our arrival at Phil^{a}, to serve during the present War, reserving to ourselves the privilege of Election as to the particular vessel, and considering ourselves as Enlisted in the service of the United States from the day of the date hereof, with the reservation af^{sd};

Witness our hands the day & year above written

David Brown
Henry Shupe
Peter Saunderson
Benjamin Tuttle
John Abell.

Witness
John Mehelm.

A true copy of the Enlistment.

Leonard Boice, & Daniel Runyan, pursuant to a citation, appeared before the Board and took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law Appointed.

Walter Rutherford & James Parker Esq^{rs} appeared before the Council, pursuant to citation, & after being examined it was resolved, that the said Walter Rutherford & Ja^{s} Parker Esq^{rs} be confined as persons disaffected to this State, until an Equal number of our subjects captivated by the Enemy be released, or other order be taken therein.

Adj^{d} till 8 O'clock tomorrow Morning.

Thursday, August y^{e} 21st,

The Council Met, pursuant to adjournment.

Present.
His Excellency the Governor.
M^{r} Elmer M^{r} Hart
M^{r} Halsey M^{r} Mehelm
M^{r} Condict M^{r} Camp appeared & took his seat.

Resolved, This His Excellency do draw upon the Treasurer of this State, in favour of M^{r} John Hart, for the sum of £200 being the remainder due of the sum of £1.000 made subject of draught of the Governor, by advice of the Council of Safety, by an Act of the Council & Assembly of this State, Entitled an Act for investing The Governor & A Council consisting of twelve, with certain powers therein mentioned.

Adj'^{d} to 3 O'clock P. M.

Met

Met pursuant to Adj^{t}

Present as before.

Agreed That Cap^{tn} Ab^{m} Harring be directed & authorized to enlist a Company of 36 men, and to choose one other commissioned Officer, to serve as Volunteers of the Militia of the C^{o} of Bergen, to be employed for 3 mo^{s}, unless sooner discharged, as a Gard for the North & East frontier parts of said Co. & that the said Cap^{tn} be authorized to purchase provisions for the said party when on actual service, or to appoint some proper person to purchase the same, & transmit proper accounts thereof to the Legislature, or in their Recess to the Council of Safety, & that M^{r} Camp do furnish Co^{l} Teunis Dey with £35. Cash to purchase Ammunition for said party & that the s^{d} Cap^{tn} do account for the expenditure of such ammunition when the said service is over.

Whereas the C^{oy} of Militia commanded by Sam^{l} Pinson, has for sometime past done duty in the North Battalion of the Regiment whereof Philip Van Courtlandt Esq^{r} is Colonel, which considering that a chief part of them reside in the Southern District has proved greatly inconvenient to the men,

Resolved That the said C^{oy} be for the future Joined to & do duty in the South Battalion of the said Regiment.

Walter Rutherford & Ja^{s} Parker Esq^{r} appeared before the Board & executed a Bond £2.000, conditioned to remain at the Court house in Morris County, or within one mile thereof, until further order be taken therein; & the Bond committed to M^{r} Condict.

The deposition of W^{m} Burnet Jun^{r} was presented to the Board, setting forth That the Hon^{ble} Peter Kemble Esq^{r} had granted protection under Gen^{l} Howe's proclamation. Ordered that the said Peter Kemble Esq^{r} be cited to appear before the Board tomorrow Morning 9 O'clock.

Adj^{d} till tomorrow Morning 8 O'clock.

The Council met, pursuant to Adj^{t}.

Present.

His Excellency the Governor

M^{r} Elmer M^{r} Hart

M^{r} Condict M^{r} Mehelm

M^{r} Halsey

Agreed, That the Governor direct Major Benoni Hathaway, to deliver the Field pieces & appurtenances, and also the powder

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you are to receive for the public use, to the Commanding Officer of the Militia Stationed along the frontiers near Staten Island, or to his order, taking his receipt or the receipt of the person by him authorized to receive it.

His Excellency was pleased to sign the foll^{g} Certificates.

To Benjamin Halsey Esq^{r}, for the sum of £12, with £3. 12| paid him in June last, 26 days attendance in Council.

To John Mehelm for the sum of £23. 8| for thirty nine days attendance in the Council of Safety.

The Council of Safety rec^{d} a fine of Justice Halsey, of £6. for which they are accountable to the Treas^{r}, the same being a fine s^{d} Justice received of Sam^{l} Wells of Morris County.

M^{r} Kimble having been cited to appear before the Board, informed the Gov^{m} by a letter, that he was, thro' indisposition, of Body, unable to attend.

Ordered, that Justice Halsey calling to his assistance another of the Magistrates of the C^{o} of Morris, do wait upon the s^{d} Peter Kimble and take his recognizance to appear at the next Court of Gen^{l} Q^{r} Sessions of the Peace, to be held for s^{d} County & in the meantime to be of good behaviour.

Ordered, That the Speaker pay John Martin $9.00 for 18 days attendance on the Council as DoorKeeper.

Benjamin Hatfield being brought before the Board, on a charge of trading with the Enemy, Confessed the fact, & made his Election to go on board the Navy of the United States.

Ordered, That M^{r} Hart pay Alex^{dr} Carmichael £9. 11|. for sundry services performed by order of the Council.

Ordered, That M^{r} Elmer pay Fred^{k} King £3 15| for five days riding Express for the Governor & Council.

Adj^{d} to Tuesday next to meet at Princetown.

Princetown, Aug^{t} 26th 1.777

The Council met, pursuant to adj^{t}

Present.
His Excellency the Gov^{r}
M^{r} Elmer M^{r} Hart
M^{r} Manning.

There not being a sufficient number of members to proceed to business, adj^{d} till tomorrow Morng 9. O'clock.

Wednesday,

Wednesday, Augt 27th 1.777

Met pursuant to adjt

Present,
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Elmer Mr Combs
Mr Hart Mr Scudder
Mr Manning

Ordered the wives & children (under age) of John Hearn, Ellis Barron, Wm Smith, Isaac Freeman, and Saml Moores, late inhabitants of the Township of Woodbridge, but now with the Enemy, be immediately apprehended, & sent over to Staten Island; & that Col Fredk Frelinghuysen be directed to carry this order into execution.

A number of letters recd from Col Fredk Frelinghuysen, were by his Excellency laid before the Board, and read, & his Excellency was requested to answer.

It appearing that the Co of Hunterdon is entirely delinquent in furnishing their Quota of the detachment of Militia ordered out under Col Frelinghuysen, His Excellency was desired to issue immediate orders, to the several Colonels belonging to sd County, forthwith to furnish & send off their respective Quotas of sd detachment.

Adjd till 3 O'clock P. M.

Met pursuant to Adjt
Present, as before,
His Excellency having occasion to call a privy Council, the business of which will probably take up a principal part of the afternoon,
Adj'd till tomorrow Morning 8 O'clock.

Thursday, Augt 28th 1.777

Met pursuant to Adjt

Present.
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Hart Mr Combs
Mr Manning Mr Elmer

There not being a sufficient number of members to make a board, Enos Kelsey Esqr one of the Justices of the Peace for the Co of Somerset, was called in & took his seat in Council.

Thomas Flemming Employed as Doorkeeper at 5/0 p day.

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Gen[l] Sullivan came in & laid before the Board sundry papers, found with the prisoners lately taken on Staten Island.

James Hetfield of Elizabethtown, who had been taken up as a suspicious person, was brought before the Board & being examined, Ordered, that he be continued under guard, until further orders from the Governor & Council of Safety.

Ordered, That M[r] Hart pay Lieu[t] George Allen, the sum of £4. 17. 6, it being the expenses of bringing nine prisoners from Elizabeth Town to princetown, by order of Co[l] Freilinghousn.

Jacob Hetfield was brought before the Board as a person disaffected to the present Gov[t], & being examined, ordered that he be discharged on his taking the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law directed, with which he complied.

Benj[m] Barlon, son of Co[l] Joseph Barlon, taken up & sent under Guard by Gen[l] Sullivan, was brought before Council; It is said that the said Barlon is appointed a Capt[n] in the British Army; Ordered, That he be continued under Guard, until further Enquiry can be had therein;

Adj[d] to 3 O'clock in the afternoon;

Council met pursuant to adjournment;

Present as before.

James Wells and Richard Churchward, late of Raritan landing, having been apprehended as Disaffected & Dangerous persons, were brought before the Board & upon Examination, acknowledged that they had been in New York with the Enemy, but said that they obliged them so to do, at the time when the British troops left Brunswick. No proof appearing against them contradictory to their own confession, Ordered that the said Jas Wells & Richard Churchward be discharged upon their taking the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law directed, which they did accordingly.

Jonathan Clawson late of Piscataway, was brought before the Board as a disaffected person, who, being examined, said that some time last winter, being threatened & frightened by the provincials to such a degree to be in fear of his life, he fled into Brunswick for safety, and being there taken sick, he continued till about 3 weeks after the British troops left Jersey, and then ret[d] home & was soon taken up, by Col Dunn, and Sent under guard to Elizabeth town.

Cornelius Clowson brought before the Board in like manner, and upon examination, appeared to be in nearly the same circumstances, having being voluntarily within the enemies lines, for a considerable time, & his general character being disaffected to the present Government;

Ordered

Ordered That the said Jonathan & Cornelius Clawson have it in their Election to enlist on board some of the vessels of war belonging to the United States of America, or be confined & take their trial agreable to the Law of this State.

Adjourned till tomorrow Morn^{g} 8 O'clock.

Friday, Aug^{t} 29th 1.777

Met pursuant to Adj^{t}

John Rynile, Jacob Long & James Medder, late of the C^{o} of Northampton, in Pennsylvania, having been apprehended upon Schooley's Mountain, in New Jersey, and many suspicious Circumstances attending their Conduct, were brought before the Board & being examined, declared their willingness to enter into the Service of the United States, and promising to enlist with an Officer present, were discharged.

Michael Brein who was taken up, at the same time and place, with the above last named, being brought before the Council & examined, also agreed to Enlist in the Continental Army, was thereupon discharged.

James Compton of Baskingridge having been apprehended as a disaffected person, was brought before the Board, upon his examination confessed that he being frightened from home went over to Staten Island, in May last, & after continuing there about two months, returned home; He also acknowledged to have been at the takeing of Gen^{l} Lee, but says the British Light horsemen forced him to go with them for that purpose, threatening to kill him on refusal.

Also James Worth of the same place with the s^{d} Compton, having been apprehended on like suspicion, was brought before the Board & upon examination, by his own Confession, found guilty of going voluntarily into the Enemies' lines, upon Staten Island, and after some considerable stay on the said Island, returned to this State, gives no better reason for this his conduct, than the gratifying his curiosity.

Benjamin Worth brought in as the two foregoing, and appearing in the same predicament as the others, The Board considered their case, & agreed to give Each of the three liberty of Entering on board the vessels of War of the United States of America, or take a trial for their lives agreably to Law. Which being made known to the prisoners they desire time until tomorrow, to make their choice, which is granted by Council, and the prisoners remanded back to the Guard Room.

Benjamin Barton of Sussex County, (said to be appointed a Cap^{tn} in the British Service) again brought before the Board &

& upon examination, utterly denies his own knowledge of any such appointment, or that he has ever acted inimical to American liberty.

Adj^d till 3 P. M.

Met pursuant to adj^t

Present as before & Cap^tn Scudder

Benjamin Barton took the Oath of Abjuration & Allegiance & entered into Bond with Richard Edsal of Orange C^o, in the State of New Jersey, & Richard Edsal the 3^d of Sussex, to remain in his house or within two miles of it, till leave obtained to the Contrary ; and also into recognizance to appear at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer to be held for the C^o of Sussex.

Michael Loffy was brought before the Board & Examined ; when it appeared that he had lately taken & subscribed the Oaths to the State before the Governor & Council of Safety ; Wherefore as no Evidence appeared of any subsequent ill conduct he was ordered to be discharged.

Benjamin Townshend & Levi Townshend, were next brought before the Board, and after examination remanded to the Guard House.

William Quail a prisoner formerly belonging to the 55th Reg^t was ordered to be sent to the board of War.

Adj^d till tomorrow Morng 8 O'clock.

Saturday Augt 30th

Met pursuant to adj^t

Present.
His Excellency the Governor
M^r Hart M^r Kelsey
M^r Manning M^r Scudder
M^r Combes

Cornelius Clawson, James Cumpton, Benjamin Worth, & Jonathan Clawson, again appearing before the Board & choosing to take a trial by their Country, were ordered into confinement for that purpose and Mittimus were made out against them, directed to the Sheriff of Morris County,

M^r Henry Waddel appeared before the Board, pursuant to citation, and having taken the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as directed by Law were thereupon discharged.

M^r Joseph Leonard, appeared in like manner, and upon taking & subscribing the s^d Oaths was also discharged.

Adj^d to 3 O'clock P.M.

Met

Met pursuant to adj^t^.

Present as before,

Mess James Grover & Tho^s^ Thomson, appearing before the Board pursuant to citation, took & subscribed the Oaths to the State as prescribed by Law, & were discharged.

Mittimus was ordered to issue against James Hetfield, directed to the Sheriff of Morris County.

Benjamin Townshend & Levi Townshend were ordered under Guard to Philadelphia, there to be delivered to the Man of War.

James Musher & John Martin Sreider were brought before the Board, who took & subscribed the Oaths to the State & were thereupon discharged.

Haddonfield, Sept 5. 1777

His Excellency called a Council of Safety.

Present.
His Excellency the Governor
M^r^ Condict M^r^ Manning
M^r^ Dick. M^r^ Mehelm
M^r^ Camp.

Ezekiel Beech formerly an inhabitant of Morris County, who joined the Enemy on Staten Island, last January, & was taken prisoner, there by Gen^l^ Sullivan, and delivered to this Board; was examined, and confessed himself a subject of the King of Great Britain, & acknowledged that he had gone to the Enemy last January.

Ordered That the said Ezekiel Beech, be committed to the Common Gaol of the County of Morris for High Treason on his own Confession.

Ordered That the Wives of William Lucy and Chevalier Joint and also Betsy Longworth, Charity Longworth, Elizabeth Van Gieson, Elea White, Mary Billington,

HERE VOLUME 2^d^ ABRUPTLY ENDS.

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MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

Silas Condict
W^{m} Paterson
Nath^{l} Scudder,
Tho^{s} Elmer
John Hart
Benj^{in} Manning
Peter Tallman,
John Mehelm
Caleb Camp,
Jacob Drake,
Jon^{n} Bowen,
John Combs,
John Buck,
W^{m} P. Smith
Frederick Frelinghuysen,
Edward Fleming.

Haddonfield, 22 Sept^{r} 1777

Pursuant to the power & Authority given in & by an Act of the Council & General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, entitled "An Act for Constituting a Council of Safety" the Council of Safety met.

Present.

His Excellency W^{m} Livingston Esq^{r}

M^{r} Condict	M^{r} Manning
M^{r} Paterson	M^{r} Drake
M^{r} Hart	M^{r} Buck
M^{r} Camp,	M^{r} Combs.

His Excellency was pleased to lay before the Board a letter from M^{rs} Catherine Rutherford, setting forth her situation & that of her son & daughter, who are indisposed; and requesting that M^{r} Rutherford her husband may be released from confinement, or that he may be confined on his own farm.

Agreed That M^{r} Rutherford be permitted to go home, and remain there for ten days, at the expiration of which he must return to his present place of confinement in Morristown.

Thomas Hooton of the County of Gloucester, was ordered before the Board, and took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Ordered that Subpoenas be issued to cite Robert Matox, Henry Thom, George Marpoll, Zechariah Royell & John Bisben, to appear before the Board to bear testimony against Northrop Marpoll.

The Board adjourned till tomorrow Morning 9 o'clock.

Tuesday,

Tuesday, 23 Sept^{r} 1.777

Met pursuant to adj^{t}.

Present.
His Excellency the Governor

M^{r} Condict	M^{r} Manning
M^{r} Paterson	M^{r} Buck
M^{r} Camp	

His Excellency was pleased to inform the Board that the Insurgents & disaffected persons in Hunterdon, Sussex &c, are confined in the Common Gaol at Burlington, and that there are six men only to perform Guard-duty over the said Insurgents.

The Board having taken the same under consideration, advised his Excellency to issue orders to the Officer of the Guard at this place, commanding him to detach a party of 15 Men, (inclusive of a Sergeant to command them) from the said Guard and that the said party repair immediately to Burlington, to do Guard-duty over the prisoners af^{sd}.

Ordered That the same party take under Guard to Burlington, Ezekiel Beech and Northrup Marpoll, & that they be committed to close custody in the Gaol of that place.

The Board being informed that Charles Suydam, was at the door & desired to appear before the Council; ordered that he be admitted.

M^{r} Suydam laid before the Board a Copy of a Parole, signed by Daniel Bray, Cha^{s} Suydam, William Horn & W^{m} Flatt, Citizens of this State, who were taken off by the Enemy at the time they left this State, purporting, that the above-named persons were permitted to pass into Jersey, and to solicit an exchange for Silas Alward, Arch^{d} Alward, Jo^{s} Alward, & Jacob Goodwin, now in confinement in Sussex.

The Board having taken the same under consideration, Agreed That Daniel Bray, Cha^{s} Suydam, W^{m} Horn & W^{m} Flatt, being in the Civil line, & Silas Alward, Arch^{d} Alward & Jo^{s} Alward being in the Military line, cannot be considered as objects of mutual Exchange; The Board are willing to observe & act conformably to the established rule of Exchange, viz Citizen for Citizen & Soldier for Soldier. They will therefore give an equal number of Citizens (of whom they count Jacob Goodwin one) for the persons first above named; & they will exchange the 3 Alwards for any 3 persons belonging to Jersey, who have been taken in Arms; The Board consent to Exchange Jacob Goodwin for Charles Suydam.

Burlington

Burlington 25 Septr 1.777

Thursday

The Council met

Present,
His Excellency the Governor

Mr Paterson	Mr Mehelm
Mr Hart	Mr Tallman
Mr Camp,	Mr Drake,

James Craig of Hunterdon confined in the Gaol of Burlington was ordered before the Board, and being examined & his examination reduced into writing, he was ordered to withdraw.

Joseph Cox of Hunterdon confined in the Gaol of Burlington, was ordered before the Board, & being examined, and his examination reduced to writing, he was ordered back to prison.

Elisha Bird of Hunterdon, confined in the Gaol of Burlington, was ordered before the Board, and being examined, and his examination reduced to writing, he was remanded.

Ziba Osmun of Hunterdon confined in the Gaol of Burlington, was ordered before the Board, and being examined & his examination reduced to writing was remanded to Gaol.

George Myers of Hunterdon, confined in the Gaol of Burlington was ordered before the Board, and being examined & his examination reduced to writing, was ordered back to prison.

Imlay Drake of Hunterdon, confined in the Gaol of Burlington was ordered before the Board, and being examined & his examination reduced to writing, was remanded.

Wm Craig of Hunterdon confined in the Gaol of Burlington, was ordered before the Board, & his examination reduced to writing, was remanded.

Lewis Kinney of Hunterdon, confined in the Gaol of Burlington, was ordered before the Board, and being examined & his examination reduced to writing, was remanded to prison.

John Little of Hunterdon, confined in the Gaol of Burlington, was ordered before the Board, and being examined, and his Examination reduced to writing, was remanded to Prison.

Peter Hiller of Hunterdon confined in the Gaol of Burlington, was ordered before the Board, and, being examined, and his examination reduced to writing, was remanded to prison.

John Alias of Hunterdon, confined in the Gaol of Burlington, was ordered before the Board, and being examined, was remanded to Prison.

W^m Brady of Sussex, confined in the Gaol of Burlington, was ordered before the Board, and being examined was remanded to Prison.

Joseph Smith of Hunterdon confined in the Gaol of Burlington, was ordered before the Board, and being examined was remanded to Prison.

Adj^d till tomorrow 8 O'clock A. M.

Friday 26th Septr 1777

Present as before,

James Craig was again ordered before the Board, & took & subscribed the Oaths prescribed by Law, & was thereupon discharged.

Joseph Cox & Elisha Bird were again brought before the Board, and having severally took & subscribed the Oaths as by Law appointed, were dismissed.

Ziba Osmun, George Myers, Imlay Drake, W^m Craig Lewis Kinney, John Little, and John Hiller, being again called before the Board, severally took & subscribed the Oaths as by Law appointed, and were thereupon dismissed.

The abovenamed persons entered into obligation for the payment of £50., which the Board deemed to be the amount of the Costs & Charges, in taking them up, & conducting them to this place, and keeping them under Guard.

Ordered, That warrants be issued to bring William Smith, Daniel Ellis, Samuel Bullus, John Carty, Thompson Neal, John Neal, Royland Ellis, and Sam^l Ellis, all of the City of Burlington and persons suspected to be dangerous &c to the present Gov^t, before the Board in order, that the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance may be tendered & administered to them.

Daniel Ellis, being brought before the Board, by virtue of a warrant, and the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance being tendered to him pursuant to Law, he refused to take them; and the Council deeming him too dangerous to the State to be suffered to go at Large, upon giving security for his appearance at the next Session of the Peace, &c, Ordered, That he be committed to close custody, in the Gaol of Sussex, until the next General session of the Peace for the County of Burlington.

Samuel Bullus being brought before the Board, by virtue of a warrant, and the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance being tendered to him pursuant to Law, he refused to take them; and the Council deeming him too dangerous to the State to be suffered to go at Large upon giving security for his appearance at

at the next Session of the Peace, &c, Ordered, That he be committed to close custody in the Gaol of Sussex, until the next Gen^l Sessions of the Peace for the County of Burlington.

John Carty being brought before the Board by virtue of a warrant, and the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance being tendered to him pursuant to Law, he refused to take them; but being willing & desirous of going with his family into the Enemy's lines, the Council agreed, That the said John Carty have leave to go, into the Enemy's lines, on Staten Island, and that he sett off Tomorrow Morning with his family.

Adj^d till 3 O'clock P.M.

Met according to Adj^t.

Sam^l Ellis appeared before the Board, and being examined, was dismissed for the present.

Rowland Ellis appeared before the Board in the forenoon, & requested time to consider of the Oaths which had been tendered to him; whereupon the Board gave him time till 3 O'clock in the afternoon, on plighting his word of honour that he would appear at the hour appointed.

W^m Smith, Thompson Neal, & John Neal, persons ordered to be apprehended, could not be found. Whereupon ordered, That a warrant be issued to bring W^m Smith Thompson Neal, John Neal & Rowland Ellis before the Board, in order that the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance may be tendered & administered to them.

Adjourned to meet at Princeton.

Princeton, 30 Septr 1.777

Tuesday

The Council met

Present

His Excellency the Governor

M^r Condict	M^r Combs
M^r Elmer	M^r Camp
M^r Paterson	M^r Manning
M^r Hart	M^r Drake

Agreed, That D^r Jonⁿ I. Dayton, Ephraim Mash, and James Morris be ordered before the Board for Examination.

Agreed, That John DeHart Esq^r, and John Ross Esq^r of Elizabeth Town, be summoned to be before the Board on Friday

Friday next at 10 O'clock A. M. in order that the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance May be tendered & administered to them.

Daniel Ellis & Samuel Bullus having made application to the Board, that they may be admitted to take the Oaths, and it appearing to the Board, on their being called before them & examined, that they can take them freely & sincerely, and with design religiously to act up to them, their Prayer was granted; and having taken the Oaths prescribed by Law, were dismissed.

Cap^{tn} Arnold laid before the Board, An Acc^{t} in the following Words;

The Council of Safety to Jacob Arnold D^{r}

June 1777	For riding Express from Morris Town to Gen^{l} Newcomb, six days c \$3.00 p day - -	18 00 dollars.

Ordered that the above acct be paid to Cap^{tn} Arnold.

John Harry of Salem C^{o}, was ordered before the Board & examined; The decision of his case was deferred until the arrival of the Salem members, with whom (he says) he is acquainted.

A letter from Gen^{l} Dickinson was rec^{d} read & answered.

Adj^{d} till 4 O'clock P. M.

Met pursuant to adj'^{t}

Present as before,

Agreed That Anna Rapelyie, the wife of Richard Rapelyie, who is now on Long Island, be permitted to pass to Staten Island in order to go to her said husband; and that she have 10 days for that purpose from the date hereof.

James Freeman was ordered before the Board, & being examined, was remanded to prison.

Thomas Shoemaker, one of the Insurgents taken on his way to join the Enemy, was ordered before the Board, and examined, and then remanded to prison.

Mathew Camp one of the insurgents, taken on his way to join the enemy, was ordered before the Board, examined and re-committed.

Isaac Ammerman, one of the Insurgents af^{sd}, being examined was ordered back to prison.

John Smith one of the Insurgents af^{sd}, taken in like manner, being examined was ordered back to prison.

William

William Paulson & John Kitchen, two of the Insurgents aforesaid, being taken on their way to Join the enemy on Staten Island, were ordered before the Board & examined, and then remanded to prison.

Joseph Smith, one of the Insurgents aforesaid, having been taken in like circumstances, with the above mentioned persons, being ordered before the Board, was examined & then remanded to prison.

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning 8. O'clock.

October, 1st 1.777

The Council met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before and Mr Mehelm.

Jonathan Palmer appeared before the Board, and gave Evidence against Elisha Bird, George Myers, William Cragg, Lewis Kinney, Peter Hillier & Emily Drake, which was committed to writing;

Ordered That a Warrant be issued to Col Joseph Beavers, to apprehend and bring before the Board, the said Elisha Bird, George Myers, William Cragg, Lewis Kinney, Peter Hillier & Emily Drake,—

Adjourned to 8 O'clock tomorrow Morning.

October 2nd 1.777

The Council met pursuant to Adjournment

Present
His Excellency the Governor.

Mr Mehelm	Mr Camp
Mr Elmer	Mr Manning
Mr Drake	Mr Combs

Mr Condict.

Hugh Brown one of the Insurgents taken on his Way to Staten Island, was called before the Board & examined & confessed he had taken a gun from Mr Parks without leave & carried it along with him till he was taken; who was remanded to Gaol.

Peter Snider one of the said Insurgents was also examined and confessed that he fired at the Militia before he was taken & he was then remanded back to the Guardroom.

Wm Shoemaker & Thomas Anderson, two of the said Insurgents, were examined & confessed that they had deserted from Captn Henry Lewis' Company in Col Shrewer's Battalion.

Ordered, That the said Wm Shoemaker & Thos Anderson be delivered

delivered to Lieu^{t} George Reynolds, who was present, to be returned to their Battalion ; the said deserters to be Kept under Guard until Lieut Reynolds' return from Morristown when was on Command, after other deserters then to be delivered to him or his order.

James Norris, pursuant to citation appeared before the Board, to Give Evidence against Jonathan J. Dayton & others which was committed to writing.

M^{r} Scudder & M^{r} Paterson attended.

Jon^{n} J. Dayton, and Ephraim Marsh, ent^{d} into recognizance separately in the sum of £300 Each, for their appearance at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer & General Gaol Delivery, for the C^{o} of Essex, to answer such things as shall be then & there objected ag^{ts} them, and in the meantime to be of the Good behaviour.

Jon^{n} J. Dayton took and subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Ja^{s} Norris ent^{d} into Recognizance in the sum of £300, to be and appear at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer & General Gaol delivery, for the C^{o} of Essex, to bear testimony against Jon^{n} J. Dayton & Ephraim Marsh.

Agreed That Maria Elizabeth Leston, have leave to go to the City of New York, with her children, and Effects, She being a subject of the States of Holland.

Adj^{d} till Saturday the 4th Inst. 10 o'clock A. M.

Met, pursuant to Adj^{t}

Saturday, 4th October 1.777

Present
His Excellency, W^{m} Livingston,
M^{r} Condict M^{r} Paterson
M^{r} Scudder M^{r} Camp
M^{r} Elmer.

His Excellency was pleased to lay before the Board, a letter from M^{r} Parker, inclosing a letter to M^{r} Cor^{t} Skinner, soliciting an exchange, which was permitted to be sent,

M^{r} Parker also requested permission to return home for 10 days, which was unanimously denied.

Petition of Mary Williams the wife of Nathaniel Williams, who has gone over to the Enemy's Lines, praying that she & her children may not be sent into the Enemy's lines, but that she

she may be suffered to continue among her friends, upon such surety as may be deemed proper, was read & ordered to lie on the table for consideration.

Agreed That the President draw upon The Treasurer for the sum of £500 in part of the sum of £2.000 which he is by Law empowered to call for by the Advice of the Council of Safety.

It being represented to the President & Council of Safety, That the late Gov^{r} Penn of Pennsylvania & Benj^{m} Chew Esq^{r} late C. Justice of the same State, have been permitted by the Hon^{ble} Board of War, to reside at or near the Union in the C^{o} of Hunterdon; Agreed, That a letter be written to the Honb^{le} Congress, informing them of the impropriety of suffering disaffected persons to remain on parole in this State, as it is nearly encircled by the Enemy, or if it be suffered, That the above persons be removed from their present situation to some more secure & better affected part of the State; and that the Executive Depart^{mt} of this State, have the disposal of them so far as respects the place of their residence.

Adj^{d} till 3 o'clock P. M.

Met pursuant to adj^{t}

Present
His Excellency the Governor
M^{r} Condict M^{r} Paterson
M^{r} Scudder M^{r} Mehelm
M^{r} Elmer

M^{rs} Leonard, wife of Tho^{s} Leonard, who acted as a Major in the British Service, & is now a prisoner of war to the United States, Was sent over to New York Sometime ago by order of Brig^{dr} Gen^{l} Forman and, hath lately returned to this State. She complains of indisposition, & requests that she may be permitted to tarry in Monmouth C^{o} until she be reinstated in her health, and that she be suffered to pass to Easton, to see her Husband, and from thence to return to the said C^{o} there to abide.

Agreed, That M^{rs} Leonard be permitted to pass to Easton, or to any other place in which her Husband may be fixed; and to remain with him; and that she go thither without delay.

Agreed That a letter be written to the officers of the Guard at Morris, directing him, in case of Necessity, to remove the Prisoners under his care to New Town in Sussex.

Adj'^{d} till tomorrow 10 O'clock A.M.

Sunday,

Sunday, 5 Octr 1.777

Met pursuant to adj't

Present
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Condict,
Mr Paterson
Mr Mehelm,
Mr Camp
Mr Combs
Mr Drake.

Agreed That Aaron Furman, James Ilif, John Mee, John Ink, Hugh Brown, Isaac Lambert, Imlay Drake, George Archer, Thomas Rees, John Alias, & Isaac Ammerman, certain insurgents taken in Arms on their way to join the enemy at Staten Island, be sent from this place to Morristown, and there be committed to close custody.

Adjd till tomorrow 10 O'clock A.M.

Monday, 6th Octr 1.777

Met pursuant to adjt

Present.
His Excellency the Governor.
Mr Condict
Mr Paterson
Mr Elmer
Mr Mehelm
Mr Manning
Mr Drake.

His Excellency was pleased to lay before the Board a letter from Mr Hooper D. Q. M. G. at Easton, informing, that there are several disaffected persons belonging to Jersey confined in the Gaol at Easton, and requesting, that as the prison is crowded, they may be removed into some part of this State;—Whereupon agreed, That a letter be written to Mr Hooper informing him, that the Council of Safety will sit at Pitts town some time in the coming week, when his request will be complied with.

At a Council of Safety at Princeton, 7th Octr 1.777.

Present.
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Elmer
Mr Condict
Mr Scudder
Mr Buck
Mr Manning
Mr Combs
Mr Drake

Ordered

Ordered that a warrant do issue to apprehend Isaac Thorn & Jacob Thorn, upon the affidavit of Jesse Brooks & Abraham Van Camp.

Adj^d till tomorrow 2 O'clock P.M.

Met pursuant at adj'^t

Present
His Excellency the Governor

M^r Elmer,	M^r Combs
M^r Scudder,	M^r Camp
M^r Paterson,	M^r Drake.

Richard Waln (one of the people called Quakers) being convened before the Board, and Affirmations, to the Effect of the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance, being tendered to him pursuant to Law, he refused to take them ; but being willing to go with his family into the Enemy's lines, and he appearing to the Board too dangerous, to remain in the State, The Council agreed, That the said Richard Waln have leave to Go, with his family, into the Enemy's lines, on Staten-Island, in five days from the date hereof.

Adjourned till Saturday Morning 8 O'clock.

Saturday, October 11^th 1.777

Met pursuant to adj^t.

Present
His Excellency the Governor.

M^r Paterson	M^r Mehelm
M^r Elmer,	M^r Drake
M^r Scudder,	M^r Combs

M^r Condict

Capt John Blanchard made application to the Board, & informed them that nine pipes of Wine the property of M^r Hamilton Young, & four Hogsheads of Rum, the property of M^r John Livingston, which by the said persons were committed to his custody, have been, some time since by sundry other persons, removed from the place where he had Stored them, and Either sold or used ; and that he the s^d Blanchard, has not received any consideration whatever for the said liquors; and therefore prays, That the Board will issue orders to the persons who have removed & sold or used the s^d liquors, to account for the whole with him the s^d Blanchard, he at the same time

time proffering ample security that the whole proceeds of the s^d liquors shall at any time hereafter be forthcoming to the State, if called for.

The Council maturely considering the above application; Ordered That all persons who have removed, vended or used any of the above mentioned Liquors be required to account for the same with the said John Blanchard, and that the said Blanchard do give bond with security, if required, That the whole proceeds of the s^d Liquors which shall come into his hands, shall be forthcoming to this State whenever called for.

Adj^d to 3 O'clock P. M.

Met pursuant to adj^t

Present.
His Excellency the Governor.

M^r Paterson	M^r Scudder
M^r Elmer	M^r Camp
M^r Condict	M^r Drake.

Application having been made to the Board, on the part of Richard Waln, who had leave to go into the Enemy's lines in five days from the date of his permission, that he could not possibly transact the necessary business relative to his family & private affairs in the time limited for his departure; the Council agreed, that he should be indulged with further time, and that he should have seven days for the purposes aforesaid, to be computed from the date hereof.

William Sutton was ordered before the Board, and took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed, and was therefore dismissed.

Adjourned till tomorrow 8 O'clock A.M.

Sunday, 12^th October 1.777

Met pursuant to Adj^t.

Present
His Excellency the Governor

M^r Elmer	M^r Hart
M^r Paterson	M^r Bowen
M^r Mehelm	M^r Buck

Whereas, Joseph Barton, Patrick Hagerthy, and Thomas Russell, who were lately residents in this State, have gone over to the Enemy, & notwithstanding have left their families behind

behind them: It is therefore agreed & resolved, That Anna Barton wife of the said Joseph Barton, and her children under age, (except Henry & John) & Sarah Hagerthy wife of the said Patrick Hagerthy, & her children, and —— Russel wife of the said Thomas Russel, be removed to Staten Island, on the South East side of Hackinsack River, in order that they may go into the Enemies lines,—

Agreed that the officer who shall remove the above persons, be directed to make return to this Board, of his proceedings, and the Expense thereon arising.

John Harry was again called before the Board, and took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance, was thereupon dismissed.

The above John Harry gave bill for the payment of £5. on demand, which the Board deemed to be the amount of the Costs & charges in taking him up, conducting him to this place, & keeping him under Guard.

Whereas Benjamin Barton did enter into Bond, with Richard Edsall of Orange County, and Richard Edsall the 3^d^ of Sussex, his sureties, to remain at his house, or within two miles of it, until leave be obtained to the contrary; and did also enter into recognizance to appear at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer for the C^o^ of Sussex; And whereas application hath been made, in behalf of the said Benjamin Barton, that he may be released from so much of his obligation, as relates to his remaining at his own house, or within 2 miles thereof. The Board having taken the same under consideration agreed and resolved, That the said Benjamin Barton be released from his obligation, So far only as relates to his remaining at his own house, or within two miles of it.

Agreed, That Col Sidney Berry, be paid the sum of £55. 18. 5, being the amount of the Charges & Expenses of himself and party of 21 Men, in apprehending and securing disaffected persons in sundry parts of the States.

Agreed That his Excellency the Governor be advised to write Meeker of Sussex, directing him to raise a party of 20 men, & 2 Sergeants & 2 Corporals, to do Guard-duty over the prisoners, disaffected persons &c, at New Town, in Sussex.

Adj^d^ till 8 O'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Monday, Octr 13^th^, 1.777

The Council met pursuant to adj^t^

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Present
His Excellency the Governor,
M^{r} Elmer M^{r} Hart
M^{r}Bowen M^{r} Buck
M^{r} Mehelm.

Isaac Thorn was called before the Board and Examined.

Ordered That he enter into recognizance with Security to appear at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer, to be held at Morristown.

Jacob Thorn was brought before the Board and examined.

Ordered that the said Jacob Thorn be committed to the Morris Jail for High Treason, and his commitment was made out accordingly.

Upon the recommendation of Col Sam^{l} Forman, & L^{t} Co^{l} Elisha Lawrence of Monmouth, W^{m} Montgomery Esq^{r} was by the Board appointed first Major & John Cook Esq^{r} second Major of the 2nd Reg^{t} of Monmouth Militia,

Upon the affidavit of Aaron Dean, against Marmaduke Abbot, charging him with asking a greater price in Continental money than Hard money for Salt ;

Ordered that the said Marmaduke Abbot be immediately apprehended and brought before the President & Council of Safety, and a warrant was accordingly made out and directed to Cha^{s} Saxton who is to make return the next Thursday at Pittstown.

Ordered that £1. 2. 6. be paid to John Hart Esq^{r} for hiring Express to send to Judge Smith.

Agreed that the President Apply to M^{r} Condict to procure & send to Princeton, to Major Kelsy, by the return of the wagon who take the prisoners in the care of Cap^{tn} Stout, about 150 weight of powder, in order that M^{r} Kelsy may have the same with the lead now here made up into Cartridges.

Ordered That M^{r} Elmer pay to Jacob Berger £115. 4. 7. in full of his Account for supplying the Prisoners taken on their Way to Staten Island, and the Guards while at Princeton—

Ordered That Co^{l} Hyer be given a receipt for 250 weight of Continental Bread & flour & two Barrels of Fish for supplying the above mentioned prisoners & Guards.

Upon the recommendation of Co^{l} Jacob Hyer & L^{t} Co^{l} W^{m} Scudder of the 3rd Battalion of Middlesex Militia, Robert Dixon was appointed 1st Major, & Tho^{s} Egberts 2nd Major of the s^{d} Battalion; And then the Council Adj^{d} to Pittstown to meet on the 15th Instant, where they met in the Evening & adjourned to next Morning.

Pittstown,

Pittstown, 16 October 1.777

William P. Smith Esq^{r} app^{d} in Council & having taken the Oaths prescribed by Law, took his seat at the Board as one of the Members of the Council,

Present
His Excellency the Governor
M^{r} Hart M^{r} Bowen
M^{r} Elmer M^{r} Smith
M^{r} Buck

Agreed That the President write to Maj^{r} Gen^{l} Dickinson, to propose to Gen^{l} Skinner That the president, & Council of Safety will release from their confinement, Ja^{s} Parker & Walter Rutherford Esq^{r}, whenever the Commanding Officer of British Troops in New York, Shall set at Liberty, John Fell Esq^{r} & Wynant Van Zandt, and that they will also release Gabriel Van Norden, John Van Buskirk, Garret Vangieson, Garret Demarest, Peter J. Herring, John Paulinson, Cornelius Bogert, & Abraham Vangieson, Now confined in Morristown, for Tho^{s} Banta, Barnardus Verbryske, Isaac Blank, Jacob Wortendyck, John Vanbusson, Jacobus Blauvelt, William Hyer, & Abraham Golden now confined in New York; and that Gen^{l} Dickinson be desired to acquaint the President & Council of Safety with whatever answer he may receive from Gen^{l} Skinner on the subject of such application.

Also agreed, That Gen^{l} Dickinson be requested to inform the President & Council of Safety, of the most proper places for erecting Beacons, the material requisite for that purpose, with the best conjecture he can make respecting the expense that may attend the procuring the materials, the erecting & attending the Beacons.

And then the Council adjourned till 3 O'clock in the afternoon.

3, O'clock P.M.

The Council met, pursuant to Adj^{t}.

Present as before.

M^{r} Marmaduke Abbot appeared before the Council, in pursuance of their Warrant, and not denying the charge of asking for Salt more in Continental money than in Gold or Silver, or old money, the Council fined him £6. with the costs of sending for him.

The Council then tendered him the Oaths to the State, which he

he refusing to take, they gave him till tomorrow at 10 O'clock to find security to appear at the next Court of Q^r Sessions to be held for the County of Burlington.

M^r Mehelm attended.

M^r Elmer rec^d the above fine of M^r Abbot.

Ordered That M^r Elmer pay to John Thomson £4. for 2 days service with his wagon, & Horses & expenses bringing the Council of Safety, papers &c, from Princeton to Pittston.

Ordered That M^r Elmer Jon^a Palmer, £7 10|. on acct for riding express; and to John Harris £1. 10|. on acct for attending as a light Horse.

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning 9 O'clock.

17. October 1.777

The Council met, pursuant to adj^t

Present
His Excellency the Governor

M^r Elmer	M^r Smith
M^r Hart	M^r Buck
M^r Mehelm	M^r Bowen

Reeder Stout was brought before the Board as a person disaffected to the State, & refusing to take the Oaths was ordered to withdraw.

Ordered That Warrants issue to Lieu^t Jacob Vanderbelt for apprehending as disaffected persons, William Thatcher, Ja^s Thatcher, Tho^s Harris, Luther Colvin, William Allen Esq^r, William King, Joseph King, John Taylor.

Ordered That M^r Elmer pay Lieu^t Cornelius Johnson, £3. 2. 6 in full for himself & five men for apprehending Reeder Stout Sam^l Slater & Henry More.

Reeder Stout appeared before the Council & took the Oaths to Gover^t as did also Henry More.

Samuel Slater & John Taylor refusing to take the Oaths, were ordered into custody to be exchanged.

Marmaduke Abbot entered into recognizance with Jacob Gerhart to appear at the next Court of Q^r Sessions for Burlington.

Ordered that M^r Elmer pay M^r Hillar £3. 0. 0. a Witness under recognizance to appear at the Court of Oyer & Terminer now sitting at Morristown for the trial of the prisoners taken on their way to Staten Island, towards his expenses while attending there.

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The Electors for the County of Bergen, not having been able to hold the Election for representatives, by reason of the vicinity of the Enemy, at the place & time appointed by Law, the Council directed the Monday the 27th Octr at the dwelling house of Stephen Bogert, near the Pond-church in the said C°, for the day & place of the Said Election, & send the Receipt by Col Dey.

Thos Harris took the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance & was discharged— and also Jonas Thatcher, Luther Colvin Junr was brought before the Board, & on his refusing to take the Oaths was bound in recognizance, with Thos Harris Security, in £300. to appear at the next Court of Genl Qr Sessions of the peace to be held at Trenton. Mr Colvin paid 20| expenses.

Ordered That Mr Elmer pay Mr Johnson £4. 10|. for taking sundry Tories, being in full for his Acct for himself, his Ensign and six men, viz 15| p day for himself & Ensign & 10| p day Each for the privates.

Adjourned till 9 O'clock tomorrow Morning.

Octr 18th

Present
The President

Mr Elmer
Mr Smith
Mr Buck
Mr Hart
Mr Bowen
Mr Mehelm

Joseph King being called, before the Council, and the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance being tendered, which he refused to take: And the Said King appearing to the Council to be disaffected, to the present Government, & too dangerous a person to be suffered to be at Large, It is ordered that the said Joseph King be taken & kept in Safe Custody in order to be Exchanged.

In consequence of a resolution of Congress of the 31st July last, recommending it to the Executive Authorities of Each state to appoint proper persons in Each district, to recruit men, & apprehend deserters, They agreed that the several Counties in this State, be deemed Districts for the purposes aforesaid, and the persons hereinafter named are appointed in the several Districts for that purpose to wit

Morris County.

Alexander Carmichael William Youngs.	To Rendezvous at Morristown.

Burlington

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John Leak Capt Joseph Weaver Captn Quigley	To Rendezvous at Mount Holly.

Cape May.

John Hand, James Willets,	—do— at Capt James Willets

Cumberland.

Azel Pierson, James Ewing, George McGlocklin,	—do— at Bridgetown

Bergen.

David Marrinus Cornelius Erwin	—do— at Pumpton

Monmouth.

Kenell Anderson Gilbert Longstreet	—do— at Court house at Monmouth

Somerset.

John Baird Joseph Casterlin Jacob Flagg,	To Rendevous at Court House in Somerset.

Sussex.

Isaac Martin, Benjin Cuykindal, Captn Emmanuel Hover, Wm Carr,	—do— in Court House at Sussex.

Gloucester.

Joseph Estell, Wm Price, Col Josiah Hilmer James Tallman	—do— at Woodbury.

Salem

Salem.

Ja^{s} Stirling, Cap^{tn} John Kelly, Maj^{r} Anthony Sharp,	—do— at town of Salem.

Essex.

David Ross, James Heddon, Abraham Spier,	—do— at Newark.

Middlesex.

Robert Nixon, John Webster	—do— New Brunswick

Hunterdon.

Jesse Hart Richard Curwine Jacob Anderson of Lebanon, Samuel Gronendyke	—do— at Flemington.

Adjourned to 6 o'clock this afternoon.

6 O'clock P. M.

The Council met pursuant to adj^{t}
Present as before, except M^{r} Mehelm
Ordered, That L^{t} Co^{l} Matthias Shipman be directed to remove from Easton to Sussex Gaol, the foll^{g} persons, or as many of them as are there confined;

John Smith,
Isaac Ammerman,
Cornelius Bogert,
Edward Butler,
Philip Force,
John M^{c} Cowen
W^{m} M^{c}Cord
Philip Shults
Aaron Smith
Joseph Pegg
John Klyne
Jacob Shults,

And then the Council adjourned to 9 O'clock tomorrow Morning.

19th

19th October 1.777

The Council met pursuant to adjournment—

Present
His Excellency Wm Livingston Esqr President.
Mr Hart Mr Bowen
Mr Elmer Mr Smith
Mr Buck.

Ordered That in case the persons hereinafter named, are or shall be charged with, or committed for any of the crimes or offences, specified in the first, second or third sections of a certain act entitled An Act to punish traitors or disaffected persons, Or are or shall be charged with, or committed for Misprision of Treason, or for any crime or offence specified in the 8th or 9th sections of an act for constituting a Council of Safety, or shall be charged with or committed for, any of the Crimes or Offences specified in the 2nd Section, of an act entitled An act to render Certain Bills of Credit a legal tender within this State, & to prevent the Counterfeiting of the same & other Bills of Credit, or so many of them as have been or shall be So charged or committed, shall be tried for the same in the Co of Morris, Altho' the offences they be charged with, or were committed for, were done & perpetrated in any other County

The persons above referred to are viz

Aaron Furman
John Mee
Hugh Brown
George Archer
Isaac Ammerman
Ezekiel Buck
Joseph Cox
George Myers
Lewis Kinney
Ziby Osman
Joseph Smith
Thos Rees
John Kitchen
Thos Miles
Saml Brewer
John Eagle
William Ballum

James Iliff
John Ink,
Isaac Lambert
John Alias
Emley Drake
James Craig
John Little
Wm Craig
Peter Killer
Nicholas Pickel
Jacob Klyne
John Parks
Lot Freeman
John Shannon
John Ellis
Daniel McMullen
Henry Dunfield

Thos

Tho^{s} White
Daniel Shannon
James Freeman
W^{m} Brady
Frederick Pickels
Tho^{s} Pollock
John Long
Christian Snider
George Labour
Benj^{n} Hull
James High
Martin Snider
Burnet Banghart
John Smith
Matthew Camp
Joseph Britton
Nathaniel Parker
Tho^{s} Shoemaker
Hugh M^{c}Daniel
John Park
W^{m} Paul
Phillip Fooes
Phillip Shultz
Aaron Smith
John Klyne
Jacob Bogert
Joseph Pierce
W^{m} Newman
Cornelius Clawson
Benjamin Worth
W^{m} Shurley
Philip Klyne
W^{m} Rice
James Kelly
W^{m} Shepherd
Peter Snider
Elias Snider
Cornelius Bogart
Lawrence Flemming
Elias Teelte
David Young
John Ryely
Peter George
Henry Hart
Edward Butler
W^{m} Moore
Christian Ruth
Herbert Hendry
Jonathan Robins
George Augustus
Northup Marpoll
John M^{c}Cowen
W^{m} M^{c}Cord
Joseph Pegg
Jacob Shultz
John Sears
Stout Havens
Richard Margeson
James Worth
Jonathan Clawson

The Council adjourned to Monday next at 9 O'clock A. M.

Monday 20th October 1.777

9 O'clock A. M.

The Council of Safety met pursuant to adj^{t}.

Present,
His Excellency the President,
M^{r} Hart
M^{r} Buck
M^{r} Bowen
M^{r} Elmer
M^{r} Smith
M^{r} Mehelm

His Excellency was pleased to lay before the Council a letter from

from M^rs Gertrude Parker praying, for sundry reasons therein mentioned, that her husband M^r Parker might be indulged with the liberty of returning from his place of confinement, to his own house 'for one Fortnight only.'

The Council having considered the Same Agreed, That M^r Parker be permitted to return to his own House, with liberty to remain there for the Space of 14 days, at the expiration of which he must return to his present place of confinement in Morristown.

John Clyne of Sussex voluntarily appeared before the Council, and took the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance to the present Government, and was accordingly discharged from his confinement at Easton.

Ordered That Warrants issue to apprehend Jeremiah King, W^m King, Edmund Freeman, & Nicholas Pickle, as persons suspected of disaffection to the State.

Ordered That M^r Elmer pay Cap^tn Arnold Six Dollars, for Riding express from Morristown to this place.

The Council then adj'^d to 9 o'clock To Morrow morning.

Tuesday, 21, October 1.777
9 O'clock A. M.

The Council met pursuant to adj'^t.

Present,
His Excellency The president
M^r Hart M^r Bowen
M^r Buck M^r Mehelm
M^r Elmer M^r Manning
M^r Smith

Ordered That a Warrant issue to apprehend Ja^s M^cCord, on charge of disaffection to the State.

W^m Craig was called before the Board, and ordered to enter into recognizance to appear at the next Court of Gen^l Q^r Sessions of the Peace, to be held for the County of Hunterdon, and in the meantime to keep the Peace & be of Good behaviour, which he accordingly did with Philip Titus his surety in the sum of £300—& was discharged from confinement.

Ordered that Warrants issue to apprehend Levi Ketchum and Thomas Stevenson on suspicion of disaffection to the State.

Ordered, That Capt James Morgan be directed to remove out of this State, into the Enemies lines, the following persons, being the wives & children of such as have gone over to the Enemy,

Enemy, out of this State; vizt. Ellinor Nevins & her two children, Elizabeth Cook & her three Children, Elizabeth Dial & her three or four children, Elizabeth Gosling & six children, all of the township of South Amboy; and that the said Capt Morgan do make return, of his proceeding therein to the Council of Safety.

Adj'^{d} till tomorrow Morning 9 O'clock.

Wednesday, the 22nd Oct^{r} 1.777

The Council met, pursuant to Adj^{t}

Present,
His Excellency the president,

M^{r} Hart	M^{r} Smith
M^{r} Buck	M^{r} Mehelm
M^{r} Elmer	

On the Representation of John Hottom, Jeremiah Turner, W^{m} Drake & Ja^{s} Pyat late inhabitants of this State, that they were removed out of it in February last by part of the Continental Army, belonging to New England, & sent to the town of Hartford in Connecticut, to the vicinity of which they are still confined on their parole;

Ordered That His Excellency be desired to write to His Excellency Governor Trumbull, acquainting him that The Council is desirous of having them set at Liberty, to return to this State, on their executing a Bond to the Gov^{r} of this State, in the penalty of £2.000—with the condition that they proceed with all convenient speed after their being discharged, to this State, & there personally appear before the President & Council of Safety, and abide such order & direction as the said Council shall take concerning them.

Ordered That a Warrant issue for apprehending Bartholomew Thatcher.

Ordered That the wives of the persons hereafter named appear before the President & Council tomorrow at 3 o'clock in the afternoon; to shew cause why they should not be removed with their children, into the Enemies lines according to Law, and on default of their appearance that they be removed accordingly; Their husbands names are :

John Vooght,
Christ. Vooght,
George Casmer,
Peter Young,
Conradt Eikler,
Michael Dennis,
Philip Cyphers,
John Mills,
Joseph Leo,
Jacob Foust,

Joseph

Joseph Slater app^{d} & took the Oaths to Gov^{t} & was discharged from his confinement.

Ordered That Co^{l} Chambers be requested to remove the quantity of 1256^{lb} of lead, and a number of Cartouche Boxes, (now deposited at one W^{m} Abbot's) to Princeton and there deliver the same into the hands of Major Enos Kelsey; and take his receipt for the said Lead &c, to be safely kept for the Public Use, by order of the Presd^{t} & Council of Safety, of this State; and that Co^{l} Chambers do make a return of his proceedings, and the expense that may accrue hereon.

Ordered, That M^{r} Elmer pay Chris^{t} Lawbocker, One Dollar for attending as an Evidence against Jacob Serooss.

William Rittenhouse, and Joseph Hart appeared voluntarily & took the Oaths.

Bartholomew Thatcher, Abner Rittenhouse, Malachi Bonam, Nathan Pine, appeared voluntarily & took the Oaths.

Ordered That M^{r} Elmer pay to Adam Hope Five Dollars in full for himself & 4 men, to apprehend Ja^{s} M^{c}Cord, Michael Beedle, Edmund Rittenhouse, Joseph Holdron, Elisha Jolly, Samuel Hall, John Warner, Peter Belles, Hezekiah Waterhouse, John Eyke, Ferris Eyke, Moses Warford, James Warford, W^{m} M^{c}Lean, William Homer, Henry Tronk, Levi Kitchen, Christopher Loop, W^{m} Kemple.

D^{r} George Campbell & William Everet Jun^{r} appeared voluntarily & took the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law appointed.

Ja^{s} M^{c}Cord was brought before the Board & took the Oaths.

Ordered That M^{r} Elmer pay Daniel Bray, £6 10| in full for himself, Ensign Cowdrick, & 10 Men, in full for taking John Hill, Henry Waterhouse & sundry others, some of which took the Oaths.

Stephen Lee & Ferdinand Hulicks appeared voluntarily & took the Oaths, & also Oakie Voorheis.

Ordered That M^{r} Elmer pay to Cornelius Johnson, £4 15| in full for himself and 7 men for apprehending sundry disaffected persons.

And then the Council adjourned till tomorrow Morning at 9 O'clock.

Thursday Morning 23rd October 1.777

The Council met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before.

Ordered That M^{r} Elmer pay Cap^{tn} Samuel Gronendike, £45.

£45. 2. 3 in full of his pay roll for himself, a Sergeant, a Corporal, and 10 privates as a Guard while the Council sat at Pittstown.

Ordered, That Mr Elmer pay to Col Joseph Buvers, £61. 1. 7. in full for himself, Lt Col, Major, Adjutant, & Quarter Master for assisting in taking up disaffected persons, from the 11th Septr until the 25th,—

Isaac Robins voluntarily appeared before the Council, and took the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as prescribed by Law.

Wm Dealy Voluntarily appeared before the Council & took the same Oaths.

Jacob Servess being apprehended by Warrant issued against him, on affidavit of Christopher Lowbacker, for Selling Salt for a greater price in Continental Money, than for Gold or Silver, was brought before the Council & confessing the charge, was fined & paid the same as the law directs.

The wives of sundry persons said to be gone over to the Enemy being cited to appear before the Council, to show cause why they should not be removed with their children, into the Enemy's lines; Eight of them now appeared viz. The wives of Christopher Vooght, George Casner, Peter Young, Conradt Eikler, Michael Dennis, Philip Cyphers, John Mills, Joseph Lee, & Jacob Foust ; And the Council having enquired into their respective Circumstances & Situation, were unanimously of opinion, That it would not be expedient to remove them for the present.

Ordered That Col Bonnel be paid the sum of 30|. in full for his trouble & Expense in Citing the above women to appear before this Board.

The Revd David Sutton, having been requested to appear before the Council, Attended this day & took the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as prescribed by Law.

Philip Schultz & Jacob Schultz, were discharged from their confinement, at Easton, upon the Bond of Peter Schultz, their father, to appear before the Council of Safety if called upon, within two Months.

Joseph Pegg discharged from the Same confinement on Entering into recognizance with Peter Schultz to appear at Morris Court the 4th October next.

John Taylor took the Oaths & Was discharged,

& Then the Board adjourned till tomorrow Morning 9 O'clock.

Tuesday,

Tuesday, 24th October 1.777

The Council met pursuant to adjt

Present
His Excellency the Governor,
Mr Hart   Mr Smith,
Mr Elmer   Mr Bowen,
Mr Buck,   Mr Manning

John Hill was discharged on taking the Oaths.

Henry Waterhouse entered into recognizance with John Hill, to appear at the next Court of Qr Sessions at Trenton.

Ordered That the sum of £3 be allowed to Wm Davison, Innholder at Pittstown for the use of a room in his house, as a Guard-room, & providing fire & Candle in the Same, during the Sitting of the Council of Safety.

John Rockhill Esqr appeared voluntarily & took the Affirmations to the Effect of the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance.

Luther Colvin took the Oaths to Government.

And then the Council adjourned to meet at Trenton on Wednesday next the 29th day of Octr Instant, on 10 o'clock in forenoon.

Trenton 29th Octr 1.777

Met pursuant to adj't

There not being a sufficient Number of members to proceed to business, adj'd to Friday next.

Friday Morning 9 O'clock,

Met pursuant to adj't

Tuesday, the 7th Nov 1.777

The Council met at Princeton.

Present.
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Condict   Mr Camp
Mr Elmer   Mr Drake
Mr Manning

Agreed That there be paid to Sergeant McCue for rations of Rum for 9 men of the Continental Troops, for assisting a detachment

detachment of Militia in Guarding a number of prisoners to Morristown from this place, the Sum of £4. 10|.

Agreed That Gabriel Van Norden, John Van Buskirk, Garret Vangieson, Garret Demarest, Peter I Herring, John Paulinson, Cornelius Bogert, & Abraham Vangieson have leave to return from Morristown to their respective places of abode, for the term of 14 days including their Going & returning in order to facilitate their procuring the discharge of Thos Banta, Barnardus Van Bryck, Isaac Blank, Jacob Wortendyck, John Van Busson, Jacobus Blauvelt, William Hyer & Abraham Golden now confined at New York.

Monday the 10th Nov 1777

At a Council of Safety held at Princeton,

Present,
His Excellency the Governor

Mr Condict
Mr Camp
Mr Drake,
Mr Manning
Mr Speaker
Mr Scudder

Agreed, That if John Lawrence, now confined in the Gaol of Burlington County, is committed for any of the crimes or offences specified in the 1st, 2nd or 3rd Sections of a Certain Act, entitled An Act to punish traitors & disaffected persons, or is or shall be charged with Misprision of Treason, or for any crime or offence specified in the 8th or 9th sections of an act entitled an act for constituting a Council of Safety, or shall be charged with, or is committed for any of the Crimes or offences specified in the 2nd section of An Act entitled An Act to render Certain Bills of Credit a Legal Tender in this State, be the said John Laurence be tried for the Same in the County of Burlington, altho' the offence he is charged with, or was committed for was done & perpetrated in any other County.

Friday, 14th Nov 1.777

The Council met at Princeton.

Present.
His Excellency the Govr
Mr Manning, Mr Drake, Mr Elmer,
Mr Hart, Mr Talman.

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The Board appointed Wm Livingston Jr Secy, who agreed to serve gratis, while the Assembly sits.

Agreed, there be paid to Abraham Voorhies, for tending the Council of Safety and riding Express as light Horseman for six days the sum of £7. 17. 6
To Philip Harder for do 4. 0. 2
& To Conrad Ten Eyck 1. 10. 0

Agreed That the President draw on the Treasr for the sum of £500. 0. 0 in favour of Mr Elmer.

Saturday, 15th Nov 1777

The Board met at Princeton.

Present.
His Excellency the Governor.
Mr Condict,
Mr Elmer
Mr Camp
Mr Buck
Mr Manning
Mr Tallman

Agreed That there be paid to Jonn Palmer, for his attending on the Council of Safety, as a light Horseman, and for his expenses in attending 30 days at Morristown as a Witness against a number of State prisoners apprehended on their way to join the enemy, on Staten Island, the sum of £60. 0. 0

Agreed That the above Palmer be employed in apprehending & bringing before the board, a Certain Nicholas Bickle & Andrew Pickins, who secrete themselves in Hunterdon Co, and that there be paid to the said Palmer the sum of £30. for apprehending & securing the first, and £50. for the latter.

Coll Nicola having referred to the Board the cases of Mr Daniel Cornock, as a person suspected of being a spy, & the Council having found no cause for such suspicion, agt him, on tendering him the Affirmation to the Effect of the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance, which he took & subscribed discharged him.

John Emly appeared before the Board and having taken & subscribed Affirmations to the Effect of the Oaths of Abujuration and Allegiance was thereupon dismissed.

Monday,

Monday, 17th Novr 1.777

The Council met at Princeton.

Present
His Excellency the Governor

Mr Elmer	Mr Hart
Mr Condict	Mr Camp
Mr Fleming	Mr Paterson

The following persons are offered to be exchanged agreable to the Applications of Wm Bayard Esqr to Sir Henry Clinton New York, Octr 1st 1.777

PRISONERS IN MORRISTOWN.	DO IN NEW YORK.
John Van Buskirk	Isaac Blanch
Peter T. Herring,	Harmanns Tallman
Capt Garret Demarest,	Jacob Warthandicke
Gabriel Van Norden	Thos Bantha
John Poulieson,	Bernardus Van Bryck
Garret Van Gieson	Samuel Ver Bryck
Cornelius Bogert	John Hays
Jacobus Peck	John Morris

The foregoing Exchange is agreed to on condition that Abraham Van Gieson, be substituted in the room of Jacobus Peck, under the Head of prisoners in Morristown, & David Van Boizon, James Hammerson, and Abraham Spear in the room of Harmanns Talman, John Hays & John Morris under the Head of Prisoners in New York.

Agreed that Gabriel Van Norden, John Van Buskirk, Gerrit Vanguson, Gerrit Demarest, Peter T. Herring, John Paulison, Cornelius Bogert, and Abraham Van Gieson, have leave to be absent from the district in which they are confined in Morris County till the first day of December next.

Col Scudder appeared & took his seat at the Board.

Whereas James Parker and Walter Rutherford Esqrs were by an order of the Council of Safety taken up and admitted to their Parole at Morristown, in order to induce the enemy to release or Exchange the Honble John Fell Esqr & Winant Van Zant now in confinement in New York, and treated with the greatest severity, and whereas that step has been found insufficient to produce the Good Effect thereby intended, & such releasement or Exchange has not as yet been Effectuated agreeable to the intentions of this Board.

Ordered

Ordered That the afores^{d} James Parker & Walter Rutherford Esq^{r} be forthwith committed to the Common Gaol in Morristown until the Honb^{le} John Fell Esq^{r} and Winant Van Zant are exchanged for them or released from their confinement in New York.

His Excellency produced to the Board a letter from the Rev^{d} M^{r} Caldwell to Maj^{r} Gen^{l} Dickinson, dated the 22 October last, containing his report to Gen^{l} Dickinson who had been requested by the Board to inform them of the most proper place to fix beacons and appoint alarm posts, by which it appears to this Board most expedient to remove the piece of Cannon now lying at Princeton, to the mountain that nearly divides the space between Elizabeth and Morristown, to be put under Guard of the Man who lives where the said Cannon is to be fixed and a few of his neighbours who ought to be exempted from Military Duty; That it would farther be proper to erect a pile on the Hill near where M^{r} M^{c}Gee formerly lived, whence the Guard from the said Mountain may see the fire or smoke and by that means know that the Guns fired at Elizabeth Town, are intended for an alarm & upon that signal fire the Cannon on the Mountain; The Council hereupon agreed That M^{r} Caldwell be desired to carry the above Plan into execution and to transmit to the Board an account of the expenses attending the same.

Agreed That the following persons be summoned to attend this Board, to have the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance, appointed by Law, tendered to them; vizt:

James Clark,
Samuel Clark,
John Clark,
Alex^{dr} McDonald,
Rob^{t} White,
John Stockton, (son of Joseph)
John Heath,
Tho^{s} Wilson.
Isaac Clark,
Benj^{in} Clark,
Matth^{w} Clark,
Ezekiel Smith
W^{m} M^{c}Dermott,
Andrew Morgan
Tho^{s} Clark,
W^{m} Clark,
Jo^{s} Skelton,
Sam^{l} Worth,
Jos^{h} Horner,
John Hedges
W^{m} Bryant,

Thursday the 20th November

The Council met at Princeton

Present,
His Excellency the Governor
M^{r} Camp
M^{r} Manning
M^{r} Talman
M^{r} Drake
Co^{l} Fleming

His

His Excellency was pleased to lay before the Board, a letter from Major Meeker, respecting the Prisoners in Sussex Gaol and the provisions necessary for their support.

The Board being of opinion that there is no necessity of keeping a Guard for securing the prisoners above mentioned.

Agreed that Col Symmes be desired to direct Major Meeker, to discharge the Guard now kept for that purpose, and to settle with Major Meeker as to the Cattle & Flour he has purchased for their support;—

That as to the British prisoners confined in the said Gaol, Col Symmes will acquaint the Commissary of Prisoners with their confinement & procure his directions concerning them; As to the Deserters from the Continental Army, he will inform the Magistrates & endeavour to have them carried to their respective Corps.

P. M.

The Council met,

Present.
His Excellency the Governor,
Mr Manning, Mr Camp,
Mr Hart, Mr Talman,
Col Fleming, Col Drake,
Col Scudder, Mr Condict,

Agreed That instead of exchanging Messrs Rutherford & Parker for Messrs Vanzandt & Fell, agreable to a late resolution of the Board, Mr Rutherford be exchanged for Mr Vanzandt, and Mr Parker for Mr Fell, and that whenever Mr Vanzant is released from actual imprisonment, and enlarged on his parole to the City of New York or Long Island, Mr Rutherford is to be released from actual confinement, and hold himself bound by the obligation he has entered into to remain within a mile of the Court house in Morristown. The like in both cases with respect to Mr Parker as to Mr Fell's, release from actual custody, and having the privilege of the City of New York, or Long Island.

Agreed That His Excellency the Governor be desired to write to the person in Winchester in Virginia, who has the custody of Robert James, lately of Monmouth County, and a subject of this State, desiring him to deliver the said Robert James to Richard James & Thomas Parker, or Either of them, they having promised to bring him into this State, at their or his

his own expense, and to enter into Bond for his appearing before the Council of Safety of this State in a reasonable time after his arrival in it.

Agreed That warrants be issued for apprehending Joseph Morse Jr, John Hendricks, Baker Hendricks, & John Meeker for trading with and carrying provisions to the enemy on Staten Island.

Friday, 21st November.

Present
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Condict   Col Drake
Mr Manning   Mr Elmer
Mr Speaker

Agreed That there be paid to the following persons for attending the Council of Safety as Light Horsemen, and riding express four days, the following sums, vizt:

To John Voorhies the sum of	£4.	5.	9
To Sany, Moores " " "	1.	0.	0
and To John Smock " " "	3.	12.	0
and To Gerret Terhune, for like services " " .	8.	5.	9

Monday, 26th November 1777

The Council met at Princeton

Present,
His Excellency the Governor,
Mr Elmer   Col Fleming
Mr Hart   Mr Condict
Mr Manning   Col Drake

Agreed that the Sheriff of Morris County be directed to confined Walter Rutherford & James Parker Esqrs to a private room nearest the Court house, for a space of 3 weeks from the date hereof; and then to Execute the precept lately delivered to him for their imprisonment, unless he shall receive orders to the contrary.

Agreed That Edward Taylor & Jeremiah Taylor of Midditon and George Taylor & Josiah Parker of Shrewsbury, be summoned to appear before the Council of Safety as persons disaffected to the present Government.

Agreed

Agreed that there be paid to John Van Nest for attending as a witness at the Court of Oyer & Terminer in Morristown 8 days the sum of	£6. 8. 0
To Benj^{m} Harris for his expenses in attending as a Witness 4 days	3. 4. 0
To Joseph Blackford for do. do.	3. 4. 0

To the Constables attending the Court the number of days affixed to their respective names over & above the usual term of Duty, vizt:

Joseph Stoutan	15	days at	10|. pday.		£7. 10.
Robert Gould J^{r}	17	"	—"—		8. 10.
Levi Baldwin	do	"	—do—		8. 10.
John Lyon	18	"	—do—		9. 0.
Ephraim Lindley	18	"	—do—	9. 0. 0	
and by recommendation of the Court for travelling Expenses . . .				1. 0. 0.	10. 0.
Matthias Burnet J^{r}	17 days			8. 10. 0.	
and for travelling charges in serving subpoenas				3. 0. 0.	11. 10.
John Riggs.	10 days at 10|.				5. 0. 0
To the Cryer	18	D^{o}			9. 0. 0
That there be paid to Philip Young a wounded soldier in the Militia					5. 15. 0
and to M^{r} Condict for the use of John Cooper another wounded Soldier,					15. 2. 6

Agreed That the officer who is to conduct John Penry & Benjamin Chew Esq^{r} to Wooster be directed to purchase in some of the New England States for the use of this State 20.000 Flints.

Wednesday, 26th Nov^{r}

The Council met at Princeton

Present
His Excellency the Governor.
M^{r} Elmer M^{r} Manning
M^{r} Hart, Co^{l} Drake
M^{r} Condict

His Excellency was pleased to lay before the Board a letter from

from Anne Kip petitioning for leave to remove with her family & furniture into New York to her husband, from whence she is a refugee to Tappan, where she is unable any longer to support herself & her children.

Agreed that the said Anne Kip be permitted to pass to New York, with her three children & furniture, & three days Provisions and that she pass thro' the Guard kept by Captn Herring who is to inspect the waggons to see that nothing be carried contrary to the interest & meaning hereof; & that if the said Anne Kip takes the benefit of this permission, she is not to return from New York into this State during the present War.

Agreed That there be advanced to Col Chamberlain for purchasing 20.000 Flints in New England, and for defraying his expenses to Wooster in the Massachusetts Bay, whither he is to conduct Mesr Penn & Chew, the sum of £200.

Agreed That there be paid to Col Ellis Cook, for the account of Dr Jacob Green for attending & administering physic to Wm Maypowder who was sent by this Board to Morristown as a material witness against Northop Marpoll, & there taken sick, the sum of £1. 10. 6 & for boarding the said Witness & keeping his horse £3. 16|.

Friday 28 Novr,

The Council met at Princeton.

Present
His Excellency the Governor

Mr Elmer	Mr Camp
Mr Hart	Col Drake
Mr Condit	Col Fleming

Agreed That there be paid to Col Cook, for the use of Dr John Powers, for dressing the wounds of and attending on Thos Baldwin a wounded Soldier, in Captn Isaac Halsey's Compy of Militia in Col Ford's Regiment, the sum of £1. 16|. & for the use of the said soldier for the loss of time during his illness and Rations the sum of £7. 18. 2.

Agreed That if John Ackerman, Hendricks Ackerman, & Gerret Hopper, inhabitants of Bergen lately deserted from Staten Island, give security for their appearance at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer to be held in the County of Essex they be discharged from the Guard—

Patrick Nevens & William Cook appeared before the Board, &

& having severally entered into recognizance (Patrick Nevens with Co^{l} Drake his surety & W^{m} Cook with Co^{l} Fleming his surety in £300 Each,) for their appearance at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer and Gen^{l} Gaol Delivery for the County of Hunterdon, and having also taken & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance prescribed by Law, were severally discharged.

John Ackerman, Hendrick Ackerman & Gerrit Hopper above mentioned severally appeared & having entered into Recognizance with John Outwater their security in the sum of £300 Each, for their appearance at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer for the C^{o} of Essex, took also & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance and were dismissed from the Guard according to Agreement.

Sunday, the 31st November 1.777

The Council met at Princeton

Present
His Excellency the Governor
M^{r} Condit, M^{r} Manning,
M^{r} Hart, M^{r} Camp,
M^{r} Elmer—

Agreed, That Lieut Jacob Boskirk, Lieut Edward Earle, John Hammel a Surgeon & John Brown a Commissary in the Service of his Britannic Majesty, who all went from this State (of which they were subjects) Since the passing of the Treason Law in this State, to join the British Army, & were lately taken prisoners on Staten Island by a detachment of the Militia commanded by Major Gen^{l} Dickinson, be committed to Trenton Jail for high Treason;—

Monday 1st December P.M.

Present

His Excellency the Governor.
M^{r} Manning Co^{ll} Fleming
M^{r} Elmer Co^{ll} Drake
M^{r} Speaker

The Board receiving information that the Exchange lately proposed for 8 of the Bergen prisoners in Morristown for the like

like number of our subjects, confined in New York, could not be complied with as Gen^l^ Skinner had no authority to alter the Exchange Agreed to by Gen^l^ Jones, and the latter being absent, but that he would release any 5 of the 9 prisoners confined in New York for 5 of those confined in Morristown.

Agreed That John Van Boskirk, Peter T. Herring Esq^r^, Cap^t^ Gerret Demarest, John Paulinson & Garret Van Gieson be set at liberty upon the Release of Isaac Blanch, Jacob Vertondyck, Tho^s^ Bantha, Barnardus Van Brycke & Samuel Ver Bryck—

December 3^rd^ 1.777

The Council met at Princeton

Present
His Excellency the Governor
M^r^ Condit, M^r^ Manning
M^r^ Speaker, Co^l^ Drake
M^r^ Elmer

John & Baker Hendricks appeared before the Board & having severally entered into recognizance for their appearance at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer to be held for the County of Essex, with Co^l^ Dayton their surety in the sum of £300 Each, were thereupon discharged from the Guards.

P.M. The Council met

Present
His Excellency the Governor
M^r^ Hart, Co^l^ Fleming,
M^r^ Condit, M^r^ Linn,
M^r^ Camp, Co^l^ Drake,

Agreed That Edward Taylor give a Bond in £100. to stay within a mile of the College at Princeton, & not depart beyond these limits, without the leave of the Council of Safety, & that he be set at liberty when Tho^s^ Canfield a prisoner at New York, shall be discharged by the Enemy and suffered to return home.

Agreed That M^r^ Taylor notwithstanding his Bond have leave to appear at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer to be held for the County of Monmouth, according to his recognizance.

Friday,

Friday the 5th December 1777

The Council met at Princeton.

Present.
His Excellency the Governor.

Col Scudder	Col Drake
Col Frelinhuysen	Mr Elmer
Mr Manning	Mr Speaker

Agreed That Major Mauritius Goetshius be authorized to raise a Company of 60 men, with 1 Lieutenant & an Ensign for the defence of the Northern parts of Bergen County, & prevent the depredations of the Enemy & disaffected persons, and the Illicit trade & intercourse carried on between the Co of Bergen & New York, & that they continue in service during three months unless sooner discharged.

Agreed, that John Aker, John Blinkerhoof, John Smith, & Jacob De Groot, who have gone over to the Enemy have permission to return to this State upon condition of their bringing with them Peter Westervelt, Jacob Westervelt, John Westervelt, Henry Vervalier and Jacob Ferdon, now prisoners in New York.

Decr 5th 1.777 P. M.

The Council met at Princeton.

Present
His Excellency the Governor

Mr Hart	Coll Henning
Mr Camp	Coll Drake

Mr Manning

Agreed That John Honeyman be committed to Trenton Gaol for High Treason.

Agreed That John Meeker enter into recognizance with Thos Saffen his surety in £300 Each, to appear at the Next Court of Oyer & Terminer to be held for Essex.

Agreed That, Jacob, Joseph, Reuben & Joatham Randolph enter into Recognizance in the like sum to appear at the next Court of Qr Sessions for the County of Middlesex.

Monday,

Monday, 8th Decr 1.777

The Council met at Princeton

Present,
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Camp   Col Drake
Mr Manning   Mr Elmer
Mr Speaker

The following prisoners under Guard from Major Potter at Woodbridge, (to wit) Ellenor Worth, Charles Friend, John Willis, Walter Noakes, Michael Condin, and William Fleming, were brought before the Board—

Agreed That the four first be committed to the Guard in this place and the two latter dismissed.

Monday, 8th December 1.777

The Council met at Princeton

Present
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Smith   Mr Imlay
Mr Cooper   Mr Linn
Mr Condict

Jacob Bogert, Samuel Demarest, Henrick Zobriski, Cornelius Ackerman, Isaac Stagg, & John Ackerman having been apprehended for going into & returning out of the Enemy's lines, without the passport required by Law, Agreed that they have five days, to consider whether they will Enlist in one of our Battalions during the War.

Mr Smith & Mr Cooper left the Board & Col Drake, Col Fleming & Mr Camp took their seats.

Agreed that———Worth apprehended coming out of & going into the Enemy's lines without the License required by Law, entered into recognizance with Surety, to appear at the next Court of Genl Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Co of Hunterdon.

Agreed that there be paid to Israel Freeman for coming with his Waggon & two horses from Woodbridge with Guards & five prisoners to the Council of Safety, and returning to Woodbridge £4 11. 6.

And to Capt Manning's order for his expenses & of the Guard which was sent in pursuit of a man coming from Staten Island in a clandestine manner £5. 1. 9—

Tuesday,

Tuesday, the 9th Decem 1777

The Council met at Princeton

Present
His Excellency the Governor

Mr Condict	Mr Elmer
Mr Manning	Mr Speaker
Mr Camp	Col Drake

Agreed that his Excellency direct Col Seely commanding at Elizabeth-Town to remove the Cattle from Raway-Neck, and such other places where from their proximity to the Enemy, they may be in danger of being carried of by them, to places of greater security, (the owners of such cattle refusing to do it, on notice given to them for that purpose) and that the removal of such Cattle be Effected with as little damage to the proprietors, as circumstances will allow or the public service requires—

Ordered That Asher Woodruff, Ezekiel Woodruff & William Higgins, be summoned to attend the Board & give their Evidence in support of certain facts by them alleged, relating to the conduct of Genl Dickenson, while he commanded at Eliz. Town

Wednesday 10th December 1.777

The Council met at Princeton.

Present
His Excellency the Governor

Mr Cooper	Mr Mehelm
Mr Elmer	Col Fleming
Mr Linn	Mr Hart
Mr Condict	Mr Manning
Mr Imlay	Mr Camp

Col Drake

Agreed that at the future Meetings of the Council of Safety such members as live nearest to the place of meeting shall attend.

Agreed That the Council Sit at this place immediately after the adjournment of the Assembly till the business arising in this neighborhood is finished, & then adjourn to Ringoes & from

from thence to Springfield in the County of Essex—That the following members do meet at this place to wit—

Mr Smith, Mr Mehelm, Mr Hart, Mr Linn, Mr Manning, & Mr Imlay.

That the following members meet at Ringoes (to wit) Mr Hart, Mr Mehelm, Mr Drake, Mr Smith, Mr Linn, Mr Tallman

And that the following members do meet at Springfield (to wit) Mr Smith, Mr Condict, Mr Camp, Col Fleming, Col Drake & Mr Manning,

Agreed that £5. 4. 9 be paid to Jonathan Palmer in part of what is due to Wm Niller for attending as a Witness in Morris County (Palmer having Niller's order)

December 12th 1.777

The Council met at Princeton

Present
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Speaker
Mr Elmer
Mr Camp
Col Fleming
Mr Manning
Mr Smith
Mr Mehelm

Application was made to the Board for the payment of the Money due to the Militia in the County of Gloucester under the Command of Col Ellis—

Agreed That Col Ellis be informed by Letter that the Legislature have directed the Delegates to obtain from Congress the sum of 120.000 dollars for discharging the debt due to the Militia of this State, and that the proporfion of 16.000 dollars when obtained will be paid into the Hands of Thos Carpenter for the payment of the Militia of Gloucester & Salem.

A Letter from Asher Holmes Esqr was read, setting forth, That a flag of Truce from New York had just arrived in Shrewsbury River, for the families, servants & Effects of Mrs Antil, Mrs Moore, Mrs Johnston, Mrs Miller and Mrs Kippen. A permission also under the hand of Major Genl Robinson for the wife of Elisha Laurence to pass to Shrewsbury Was laid before the Board—

Agreed that Mrs Antil, Mrs Moore, Mrs Johnston, Mrs Miller and Mrs Kippen be permitted to pass to New York, with their Families, Servants & Effects excepting the property of those whose husbands have joined the Enemy since October 1.776

P. M.

Present
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Smith — Mr Manning
Mr Speaker — Mr Mehelm
Mr Imlay

Ordered that there be paid to Cornelius Vanderveer for his services in attending to Council of Safety as a light Horseman the sum of £5. 15. 6.

Agreed that John^n Dey, for leaving the State & going over to the Enemy, since the Treason Act, & returning into the same without the permission required by Law, have his choice whether to enlist into one of the four Battalions of this State raised for the Continental Service or be committed to Trenton Gaol—

Agreed that there be paid to John Bennet for attending the Council of Safety as a light Horseman, the sum of £7. 0. 0.

Agreed that Matthew Wrench for the same crime as above, be in like manner committed to Trenton Jail—

Agreed that John Richmond enter into recognizance with surety in £300 each for his appearance at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer to be held in Hunterdon Co

Adjd till tomorrow Morng 9 O'clock.

Saturday 13 December 1.777

Princeton

The Council met pursuant to adjt

Present.
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Speaker — Mr Imlay
Mr Manning — Mr Smith
Mr Mehelm

In consideration of Mr Rutherford's & Mr Parker's indisposition,

Agreed, That they be Enlarged from their present Confinement until the 1st day of February next, upon the terms of their obligation of having the District of one Mile from the Court House in Morris town, & that they be then committed to Jail, unless the Council of Safety shall order to the contrary—

Agreed

Agreed That the wife of John Havens have leave to go into the Enemy's lines—

In addition to the order Given to Col Seely, by a former resolution of the Board, relative to his removing such cattle as from their nearness to the Enemy are in danger of being carried off by them.

Agreed that he be directed to remove Sheep, Hogs & Cows that give no milk out of the Reach of the Enemy, and that he must be guided by his own Judgment, to the Places where he would have them removed.

Adjd till next Tuesday Morning 8 O'clock—

Tuesday, 16th Decr,

The Council met at Princeton—

Present.
The Governor.

Mr Smith	Mr Imlay
Mr Mehelm	Mr Speaker

There not being a sufficient number of members to proceed to business, the Board adjourned till tomorrow Morning.

Wednesday, 17th Decr,

The Council met at Princton.

Present, as before.

The Board adjourned till tomorrow for want of another member—

Thursday, 18th Decr 1.777

Met pursuant to adjt

Present, as before.

There not being yet a sufficient number of members to make a Quorum adjd till tomorrow Morning 9. O'clock.

Friday, 19th Decem 1.777

Met pursuant to adjt

Present
His Excellency the Governor

Mr Smith	Mr Imlay
Mr Mehelm	Mr Speaker

There

There not being a sufficient number of members to enter upon business that required a vote of the Board, those present, proceeded as Magistrates to the examination of certain persons, who were by an order of the 17 Nov^{r} Summoned to attend the Council to have the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance tendered to them—

Alexander McDonald, by virtue of a Warrant was brought before the Board, & having taken & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance, was thereupon dismissed—

M^{r} Manning appeared & took his Seat at the Board.

Ezekiel Smith was brought before the Board & on the Affirmations to the Effect of the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance being tendered to him, desired leave to consider the matter till tomorrow Morning, which request was granted him—

Adj^{d} till 3, O'clock P. M.

Met pursuant to adj^{t}.

Present, as before—

Agreed that there be paid to Frederick Ten Eyck, the sum of £4. 18. 9 for attending the Council of Safety as a Light Horseman, and to William Van Dyne the sum of £3. 12 3 for the like services.

Mathew Clark being by virtue of a Warrant brought before the Board & having taken & subscribed Affirmations to the Effect of the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance prescribed by Law, was dismissed.

Tunis Hoogland presented his account to the Board,

Agreed That he be paid the sum of £3. 12. 6 for his attendance on the Council of Safety, as a Light Horseman and riding Express.

The following persons of the people called Quakers, were brought before the Board, viz—Joseph Horner, Isaac Clark, Benj^{m} Clark, W^{m} Clark, John Clark, Tho^{s} Clark & Robert White, who having Each of them refused to take and subscribe the Affirmations to the Effect of the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance & having also refused to become bound, in sufficient Securities to appear at the next Court of Gen^{l} Q^{r} Sessions of the peace to be held in & for the County of Middlesex, Agreed that Warrants of Commitment do issue for their imprisonment.

Tho^{s} Wilson appeared before the Board & having taken & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance, as by Law prescribed, was thereupon dismissed.

Saturday 20 December

The Board met pursuant to adj^t

Present
His Excellency the Governor
M^r Manning M^r Smith
M^r Speaker M^r Mehelm
M^r Imlay.

John Honeyman having entered into recognizance with Jacob Hyer his Surety in £300 Each to appear at the next Court of Gen^l Q^r Sessions of the peace, to be held in and for the County of Hunterdon, was discharged from the Guard.

Mathew Wrench & Charles Friend were called before the Board, & on failure of security required by Law were ordered to be sent to Flemington.

Agreed that John Willis Apprehended on his way to the Enemy be in like manner as above sent to Flemington.

Isaac Clarke, Benj^m Clarke, William Clarke, John Clarke, Tho^s Clarke, & Robert White, appeared before the board & on passing their Words to be forthcoming on Wednesday next, were dismissed for the present.

John Hedger having entered into recognizance with John Scot his surety in £300 each, to appear at the next Court of Gen^l Q^r Sessions of the peace to be held in the County of Somerset, & in the meantime to be of Good behaviour, & was thereupon dismissed—

Adjd till 3 O'clock P. M.

Met pursuant to Adj^t

Present as before.

Ezekiel Smith entered into Recognizance with Jonathan Dear his surety in £300 Each to appear at the next Court of Gen^l Q^r Sessions of the peace to be held in & for the County of Middlesex, & was thereupon dismissed.

Sarah Barrow was brought before the Board for going into the enemies lines & returning into this State; without the License required by Law.

Agreed That she be immediately sent back to her husband in New York and remain there during the present War.

Priscilla Stewart was brought before the Board for the like Offence, & entered into recognizance with Peter Teple, her surety, to appear next Friday at the Court of Oyer & Terminer for Hunterdon County.

Lewis Freeman entered into recognizance with David Frazey, his

his surety, in £300 each, to appear at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer for Hunterdon County.

Joseph Skelton, was brought before the Board, and on the Affirmations to the Effect of the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance being tendered to him, refused to take or subscribe the same, but having entered into recognizance with Jacob Hyer, his surety, in £300 Each, to appear at the next Court of Gen^{l} Q^{r} Sessions of the Peace for the County of Middlesex, was discharged.

Ordered That Maj^{r} Potter be directed to remove to Staten Island, Sarah Barron & the wife of William Smith, the wife of John Heard & the wife of Samuel Moore, as well as the wives of such other persons as have returned from the Enemies' lines, without leave, after having been removed into the same by order of the Council of Safety; & make a return of what he shall have done in the premises with all convenient speed.

Agreed that there be paid to Matthew Freeman for himself & Guard & three prisoners from Woodbridge, with a Waggon & 2 horses, and a spare Horse, the sum of £11. 0. 0.

Ordered that in case the persons whose names are hereunto annexed, are or shall be charged with, or committed for any of the crimes or offences, specified in the 1st 2nd or 3rd sections of a certain Act Entitled "An Act to punish Treason & disaffected persons" Or are or shall be charged with, or committed for Misprision of Treason, or for any crime or offence specified in the 8th or 9th sections of an act for constituting a Council of Safety, or shall be charged with or committed for, any of the Crimes or Offences specified in the 2nd Section, of An Act entitled an "Act to render certain Bills of Credit a legal tender, within this State, & to prevent the counterfeiting of the Same, & other Bills of Credit," or so many of them as have been So charged or committed, shall be tried for the same in the County of Hunterdon, Altho' the offences they be charged with, or were or shall be committed for, were done or perpetrated in any other County.

The persons in the above order referred to are; viz:

Lewis Freeman,
William Cook,
Pricilla Stewart,
John Richmond
John Brown
Matthew Wrench
John Dey
Jacob Bogert
John Honeyman,
Charles Friend,
Patrick Navins,
Sam^{l} Demarest
Hendrick Zabriski
Cornelius Ackerman
Isaac Stagg
John Ackerman
John Willis.

Adjourned to Monday Morning 9 O'clock.

Monday, 22 Decr 1.777

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Present.
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Mehelm — Mr Imlay
Mr Smith — Mr Manning
Mr Speaker.

Richard Stockton Esqr, was called before the Board, and the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance being tendered to him, he took & subscribed the Same, & was thereupon dismissed.

Agreed That there be paid to Captn Moore, for himself & the use of 24 men of his Co, for their services in attending the Council of Safety, as a Guard, from the 26th Augt to the 3rd day of September last, the sum of £18. 5. 4. That the said Moore be paid the sum of £6. 7. 6 for removing the wife of Thos Russel to Staten Island ; And also that there be allowed him for his expenses in going to Morristown & Philadelphia with prisoners the sum of £8. 15|.

Agreed that there be paid to Lieut Bergen for himself & 13 men, Employed by him as a Guard for the Council of Safety, and the security of the prisoners, the sum of £39. 16. 4. That he also be paid the sum of £28. 0. Bounty money for the said Guard, and that for furnishing them with Wood, Candles & Sundry other Articles the sum of £14. 11. 6.

Agreed That Andrew McMackin be paid the sum of £12. 7. 6 for making Cartridges for the Council of Safety.

Ordered that Jonathan Baldwin take charge of the Balls & Cartridges now in the hands of Andrew McMackin.

Agreed That Col Ellis be authorized to remove any Cattle, Sheep & Hogs (excepting Milch Cows) from any places where he thinks them in danger, of falling into the Enemy's hands, to places of greater security; upon the Owners refusing to do it, first giving notice to the Owners, who may take care of them at their Expense.

Agreed That the prisoners taken with Richard Stockton & now confined at Carlile be treated as prisoners of War.

John Holton, William Drake, Jeremiah Turner, and Jas Pyatt having severally taken & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as prescribed by Law, were severally discharged.

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning 9 O'clock.

23 December

23 December 1.777

The Council met pursuant to Adj^{t}

Present,
His Excellency the Governor
M^{r} Manning, M^{r} Imlay
M^{r} Speaker, M^{r} Mehelm
M^{r} Smith.

Agreed That His Excellency the president draw on the Treasurer in favor of M^{r} Imlay for the sum of One Thousand Pounds for the use of the Council of Safety.

Agreed that M^{rs} Lott be paid 40|^{s} for firewood & Candles provided for the Council of Safety—

Adj^{d} to meet at Ringoes next Wednesday afternoon.

Wednesday, 24th

The Council met at Ringoes, pursuant to adj'^{t}

Present,
His Excellency the Governor
M^{r} Smith, Co^{l} Drake,

There not being a sufficient number of members to proceed on business,

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning 9. O'clock.

Thursday, 25 December

Met pursuant to adj^{t}

Present.
His Excellency the Governor
M^{r} Smith, M^{r} Mehelm
M^{r} Speaker, M^{r} Drake,

There yet wanting one Member to make a Quorum,
Adjourned till tomorrow Morning.

Ringoes, 26th December 1.777

The Council Met, pursuant to adjt
Present as before.

A sufficient number of members not Yet attending, adjourned till tomorrow Morning 9 o'clock.

Ringoes,

Ringoes, 27 Decr 1.777

Met pursuant to Adjt

Present as before,

A proper number of members to make a board not Yet attending, adjd again till tomorrow Morning.

28th Decr 1.777

The Council met at Ringoes pursuant to Adjt

Present, as before.

From the same reasons as above, The Council Adjd till tomorrow Morning 8 O'clock.

29th Decr 1.777

The Council met pursuant to adjt

Present, as before—

Adjourned till tomorrow, for want of another Member.

30th Decr 1.777

The Council met at Ringoes pursuant to Adjt

A. M.

Mr Condit & Mr Linn appeared & Severally took their Seats at the Board—

Present.

His Excellency the Governor,

Mr Condict	Mr Smith
Mr Linn	Col Drake
Mr Mehelm	Mr Speaker

Agreed That there be paid to Abraham Brokau, for attending & riding express for the Council of Safety, the sum of £9. 16..3.

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning 9 O'clock.

31st Decr 1.777

The Council met pursuant to adjt.

Present as before.

The petition of Wm Bowen setting forth that he was desirous

ous of making Camp Kettles & other necessaries, wanted in the Continental Army & praying an exemption of Military Duty, while he shall be thus Engaged— , having taken the same into Consideration,

Agreed, That as it does not appear that the said Bowen is at present under any Engagement, The prayer of his Petition cannot at present be Granted, but if he shall appear before the Council of Safety next Thursday at Springfield, & produce to them any Contract he is under for entering into such service, his petition will be again considered of—

M^{r} Speaker having at this place (before a Quorum of the Council of Safety had met) paid the following respective sums, to wit:

To John Bennet the sum of	£1.	16.	3
To John Voorhise the sum of	7.	1.	9
To Jarod Saxton the sum of	7.	10.	0

for riding express for the Council of Safety;

The Board at their present meeting agreed to the several payments made as aforesaid, & ordered that an Entry be made thereof;

Agreed That there be paid to Silas Condit Esq^{r} for the use of a wounded Soldier in Co^{l} Munster's Battalion the sum of £10. 0. 0.

The petition of a number of inhabitants of the township of Hopewel, praying an exemption for Jacob Osborn, from two Tours of Military Duty, he being a Weaver by trade, & much wanted in the neighborhood, which being laid before the Board and taken into consideration;

Agreed that the above Petition cannot be complied in:—

Agreed that there be paid to John Hart Esq^{r} for the use of Mary Morshan the widow of Aaron Morshan, lately belonging to the Company of Militia commanded by Cap^{t} Benjamin Van Cleve, who was killed on Long Island, the month of August 1776 in an Engagement with the British Troops, & which said widow is left with 3 small children in low circumstances, the sum of £15. 0. 0

Agreed That a warrant do issue for apprehending & bringing before the Board John Schenk late of Poghkeepsie in the State of New York, that the Oaths of Gov^{t} may be tendered to him.

Adj^{d} to 3 o'clock P. M.

Met

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Joseph Lewis having made Application to the Board to have an exemption for himself & a certain number of men Employed by him, in the Commissary Dep^{t}, from Military Duty in the Militia—

Agreed that the said Lewis being a Commissary of Issues in the public service, be exempted agreable to his request, and that Nathan Turner employed by him as a Butcher, Nathan Howell employed in his Store, & Alphus Hughs employed by him as a Clerk, be in like manner Exempted while they continue in those respective Employments.

Agreed That there be paid to Co^{l} Chambers for the use of Valentine Ent the sum of £2 10| for drawing 14 hundredweight of Lead from Amwell to Princeton.

Agreed that Pricilla Harrison have permission to go to her husband in Philadelphia, on condition of not returning into this State during the War.

Agreed That Walter Rutherford & Ja^{s} Parker Esq^{rs} be discharged from their present confinement in Morristown & suffered to return to their respective places of abode, there to continue & within one mile of the same respectively until the first day of February next, & then to be committed to & confined in prison until the Honb^{le} John Fell Esq^{r} shall be released from his confinement in New York, on condition of liberating the said Ja^{s} Parker, & Wynant Van Zant on condition of liberating the said Walter Rutherford—

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning 9 O'clock,

January 1st 1.778

Present
His Excellency the Governor,
M^{r} Speaker M^{r} Linn
M^{r} Smith Co^{l} Drake
M^{r} Condict.

Agreed that His Excellency the president draw on the Treasurer for the sum of £300—for the use of the Council of Safety.

Ordered that the sev^{l} sums agreed to be paid the Constables & Cryer of Morris agreeable to the order of the 24th Nov 1.777 be paid Silas Condit Esq^{r} for the use of the said Constables & Cryer amounting in the whole to £69. 0. 0.

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It appearing to the Board that the sick in the Hospital at Princeton are greatly suffering for want of Firewood, and that when the Commissary is able to procure Wood Cutters (which is Effected with Great difficulty) he has no assurance of their remaining in his service by reason of their being liable to be called out in the Militia, by Means whereof he is frequently unsupplied;

Resolved that Burgoon Updicke, Peter Updicke, Robert Yates, Hendrick Lane, Lawrence Updicke, David Molisson, William Downey, & Peter Archer be exempted from Military duty for the above purpose for the term of 30 days from the date hereof, & that on their producing Certificates from the Commissary of the Hospitals, of their having been employed in such service, they be excused in their next Tour of duty, for so many days as they shall appear to have been so Employed.

Agreed that there be paid to the Constables for their Extraordinary service in Attending the Court of Oyer & Terminer held at FlemingTown for the County of Hunterdon, the number of days affixed to their names, over & above the usual term of Duty, the following Sums viz:

To Rubon Runyon	8	days c 10| p day	£4. 0. 0
Andrew McClearly	9	— " — " —	4. 10. 0
Joseph Ross	9	— " — " —	4. 10. 0
W^{m} Shoudon	6	— " — " —	3. 0. 0
Tho^{s} Reider	6	— " — " —	3. 0. 0
Sam^{l} Hulick	6	— " — " —	3. 0. 0
W^{m} Coolback	10	— " — " —	5. 0. 0
John Campbell	10	— " — " —	5. 0. 0
			£32. 0. 0

John Schenck by Virtue of a Warrant was brought before the Board & having entered into Recognizance with John P. Schenck, his surety, in £300 Each to appear at the next Court of Gen^{l} Q^{r} Sessions of the peace to be held in & for the County of Somerset, Was thereupon dismissed—

Agreed that there be paid to Jonas Stryker, the sum of £5. 4. 9 for His services as a light Horseman for the Council of Safety.

Adjourned to meet at Springfield, next Tuesday morning 9 O'clock.

Wednesday

Wednesday 7th Jany 1.778

The Council met, at Springfield.

Present
His Excellency the Governor
Col Fleming, Mr Smith
Mr Crane, Col Drake
Mr Condit.

Agreed that there be paid to Samuel Meeker, for sundry Expenses attending his furnishing provisions and other necessaries for the support of a Guard, Kept over the prisoners in Sussex Gaol, the sum of £104. 1. 10.

Adjd till 3 O'clock P. M.

Met pursuant to adjt
Present as before,
with Mr Manning—

Major Dally Made Application to the Board to have a certain number of men, to be employed by him as teamsters and Woodcutters in the Continental Service Exempted from serving in the Militia, during the time they shall be so employed; which being taken into consideration,

Agreed that such exemptions tending to drain this State of the Militia, by employing them in the Continental service, does not fall within the meaning of the Act vesting Authority in the Govt & Council of Safety to exempt men from doing duty in the Militia, & cannot therefore be complyed with.

Rune & John Runyon, applied for leave to go into the Enemy's lines, to procure the will of their father, who went over to & died among the Enemy.

Agreed That they have permission to enquire by letter concerning the said Will, and if there is any probability of procuring it, the matter will then be further considered of.

Adjd till tomorrow Morning 9 O'clock.

Thursday, 8 Jany 1.778

Met pursuant to adjt

Present,
His Excellency the Governor
Col Drake Mr Condit
Col Fleming, Mr Manning, Mr Smith

Agreed

Agreed that there be paid to Col Seely for the use of Philip Harder, for riding Express for him the sum of £6. 2. 6

Agreed that there be paid to John Hunt for his expenses in riding Express from Annwell to Springfield the sum of 37|6—

His Excellency was pleased to lay before the Board a letter from Genl Washington urging the expediency of removing the cattle & forage that lay near the Enemy, out of their reach—

Agreed that his Excellency direct Col Ellis to remove all the horned Cattle, Sheep, Hogs and all Cows which do not give Milk, from the vicinity of the Jersey Shore in the Counties of Burlington, Gloucester & Salem, that may be within the reach of the enemy's foraging parties, except such as may be really essential for the inhabitants (the owners refusing to do it on notice given to them for that purpose) and that the Genl be informed that the powers lodged in the Council of Safety are inadequate to the requisition of having the Forage removed, & that it be recommended to him to exercise his own authority in having it Effected—

Agreed that there be paid to Brigdr Genl Winds, for expenses accrued to him by order of the Council of Safety, the sum of £63. 5. 2.

Ordered, That in addition to the orders already given to Mr Caldwell, with respect to the erection of Beacons for the purpose of alarming the County in case of Invasion, he be further desired to direct that one be set up at Morristown and another at Longhill, and one or two to the Northward of New Ark, and that he be requested to appoint proper persons to take the care of & attend them & that the person so provided, Shall be exempted, when known, from Military duty—

Adjourned to meet at Morristown, tomorrow—

Friday, 9th January 1.777

The Council met at Morristown,

Present.
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Smith, Mr Condit
Col Drake, Col Fleming
Mr Manning

Agreed that Alexr Edwards & John Yalter, Millers, & Joseph Smith, & Wm Reynolds, Coopers, employed in the Mill in Nottingham Township, and Daniel Edwards & Patrick Puecell,

Puecell, Millers & Charles Crossley, Paterson Doyle & Samuel Crossley Coopers employed at the Mill near Bordentown, & John M^{c}Cartney & Richard Glue Millers at Mount Holly (which Mills are employed in furnishing the Army of the United States with Flour) be exempted from Military duty for the space of 30 days from the date hereof, provided they continue in such employment—

Agreed that His Excellency write to M^{r} Emely for the sum of £500. 0. 0. in part of the order which he has on the Treasury for £1000. 0. 0.

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning 9 O'clock.

Saturday, 10th Jany 1778

Met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present
His Excellency the Governor
M^{r} Condict, M^{r} Smith
M^{r} Manning Col Fleming
Co^{l} Drake.

Agreed that a Warrant do issue for apprehending and bringing before the Board Archibald Kennedy Esq^{r}, that an Enquiry be made into his past conduct, and that the Oaths of Government may be tendered to him.

Agreed That the following persons, vizt: Joseph Morse, Joseph Morse J^{r}, Esther Morse, Joshua Wynants, Johiah . . . . Morse, and Antheny Morse, for being, aiding & assisting in attempting to carry beef to the Enemy on Staten Island, be brought before the Board to answer for the said Offence.

On the application of Joseph Lewis,

Agreed That W^{m} Jones employed by him as a Clerk in the Commissary depar^{t} be exempted from serving in the Militia for the space of 30 days from the date hereof.

Adjourned till Monday Morning 9 O'clock.

Monday Mor^{ng} 9 O'clock

The Council met pursuant to Adj^{nt}

Present,
His Excellency the president,
M^{r} Condit M^{r} Smith
M^{r} Manning Co^{l} Fleming
Co^{l} Drake.

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A petition was presented from sundry of the inhabitants of the township of Woodbridge, which having been considered it is ordered, That pursuant to the prayer of said petition, Major Potter do permit the Wives of W^{m} Smith & Philip Goss, who are with the Enemy, to stay among us, upon M^{rs} Smith's Giving Security to remove to her Father's family, & there to continue till the further order of this Board, (the order of the 20th December 1.777 to the contrary Notwithstanding) and that in all other respects the said order of the 20 December be carried into immediate execution.

Ordered That the following persons (prisoners here) to wit, Enoch Allen, James Wells, Abraham Man, John Edeson & W^{m} Reed, be brought before the Council to hear & consider their respective Circumstances agreable to their petition;

The Said prisoners being brought before the Council, & their Several cases Considered, It is ordered,

That Enoch Allen be discharged on his Enlistment in one of the New Jersey Regiments.

That James Wells do Either Enlist, or give Security for his appearance at the Court of Quarter Sessions for the County of Middlesex.

That Abraham Man do Either Enlist, or give security for his appearance at the next Court in Essex,

And That John Edeson & W^{m} Reed remain in custody until the further order of this Board.

Adjourned to 9 O'clock tomorrow Morning.

Tuesday, 9 O'clock A.M.

Met according to adjournment.

Present,
His Excellency the President
M^{r} Condit
M^{r} Manning
Co^{l} Drake
Co^{l} Fleming
M^{r} Smith
M^{r} Linn,

Cap^{tn} Archibald Kennedy pursuant to Warrant was brought before the Board, & he being heard & sundry Affidavits transmitted to the Council, respecting his conduct being read and considered,

Resolved,

That Cap^{tn} Kennedy be permitted to return to his own house and do attend this Board in 14 days from this time;—And that in the meantime a letter be written to Gen^{l} Washington

respecting

respecting the nature of Cap^{tn} Kennedy's Parole & that copies of the Affidavits relative to his conduct be also transmitted with the Same.

Jehiel Morse by virtue of a warrant was brought before the Board, who having been examined, & his Examination committed to writing, was delivered to the custody of the Guard—

George Michaldeed appeared before the Board, & being examined upon Oath relative to a Hogshead of Flaxseed given to his care by Anthony Morse, to be conveyed to Staten Island, & his deposition committed to writing, was thereupon dismissed.

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning 9 O'clock.

Wednesday 14 Jany 1.778

Met pursuant to adjournment—

Present
His Excellency the Governor
Co^{l} Fleming M^{r} Linn
M^{r} Condit Co^{l} Drake
M^{r} Smith

Samuel Lawrence appeared before the Board & having given bond in the sum of £100. 0. 0 for his appearance at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer in Essex County, to give Testimony in behalf of the State against Joseph Morse Jun^{r}. Anthony Morse and Esther Marsh was thereupon dismissed.

A letter from Co^{l} Seely was read & answered;—

Agreed that the following persons have permission to go to their husbands in the Enemy's lines, viz: Lydia Gorman, wife of John Gorman, with her four children, and Sarah Copinger wife of W^{m} Copinger & her three children.

A letter from the Rev^{d} M^{r} Caldwell was read & answered—

Azariah Clark and Abraham Badgley entered into recognizance in the sum of £100 Each, for their appearance at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer in the C^{o} of Essex, as witnesses in behalf of the State against Joseph Morse J^{r}, Anthony Morse & Esther Marsh.

Agreed that there be paid to Henry Insley, the sum of £4. 14. 3 for riding express in the service of this State.

Adj^{d} till 3 o'clock P. M.

Met

Met pursuant to adj^{t}

Present as before.

Benjamin Wynants & Robert Clark, appeared before the Board & having given bond in the sum of £100—Each for the appearance of George Michaeldeed at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer in Essex County, were thereupon severally discharged—

Joshua Winants entered into recognizance with Benjamin Wynants & Robert Clark, his security, in £300 Each, for his appearance at the Court aforesaid—

Anthony Morse in like Manner gave bond, with Benj^{in} Wynants his surety in £300, to appear at the same Court.

Agreed That David Star be paid the sum of £4. 1. 3 for his expenses in attending the Council of Safety as an Express—

Benj^{m} Wynants entered into Bond in the sum of £100. for the appearance of Jehiel Marsh, at the Court above-mentioned, in order to Give Evidence against Joseph Morse J^{r}, Anthony Morse, & Esther Marsh, in behalf of the State.

Agreed That Esther Marsh be committed to the Gaol in this place for High Treason.

Agreed That there be paid to Azariah Clark for his time & trouble in taking up & securing a number of persons detected in trading with the Enemy £12. 7. 6.

And That there be allowed Abraham Badgley the sum of £3. 0. 0. for assisting the said Clark in the business abovementioned.

Ordered That a Warrant do issue for apprehending and bringing Joseph Morse J^{r} before the Board.

His Excellency having rec^{d} by Express the sum of £500 0. 0 which the Board had directed him to draw upon M^{r} Emely for, the said Money was by him delivered into the hands of M^{r} Condit as Treasurer of the Board—

Jacob Wood, John Gibeson, & Hezekiah Gibeson three of the Green coat new levies, deserted from the Enemy, have permission to consider till tomorrow morning whether they will Enlist into our service or be committed for High Treason.

Jas Wells & Abraham Man were ordered before the Board, & on their refusing to Enlist into the Continental Army,

Ordered, That they be remanded to prison, until they find security for their appearance at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer in Essex County.

Adjourned till to-Morrow Morning.

Met

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Thursday 15th. 1.778

Present
His Excellency the Governor
Col Fleming Mr Linn
Mr Condict Col Drake
Mr Smith.

Agreed, That Col Drake be refunded \$3.00 which he paid to an express while at Ringoes, for bringing papers from Trenton.

Agreed, That Enoch Allen be exempted from paying for the Rations which he drew while a State prisoner in Morristown Gaol.

Upon application,

Agreed That John Yatter and Alexander Edwards Millers, and Joseph Smith & William Reynolds Coopers employed at the Mill in Nottingham Township; Daniel Edwards & Patrick Puessel Millers, & Chas Crossley, Paterson Doyle & Samuel Crossley, Coopers, employed at the Mill near Borden Town, & John McCartney & Richard Glue, Millers, at Mount Holly, who were by a former resolution of the Board exempted from serving in the Militia, for the space of 30 days from the 9 Jany last, are further exempted to the 9th March next.

A letter from Jonathan Elmer Esqr was read & answered—

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning 9 O'Clock.

Friday, 16 Jany 1.778

Met pursuant to Adjt.

Present, as before.

Ordered, That a Warrant do issue for apprehending & bringing before the Board Ezekiel Beech.

Agreed That Edward Taylor's Bond to the State of New Jersey, & also the Bond of Richd Jones & Thos Parker be delivered into the hands of Silas Condict Esqr.

Agreed That the Honble Silas Condit Esqr repay to Col Drake the sum of £147. 17. 11. advanced by him to the Board while at Ringoes Tavern Jany 1st 1.778

A letter from the Revd Mr McWhorter respecting the New Modelling the Militia, was laid before the Board, Whereupon Agreed,

That the plan contained in the above letter be laid before and recommended by this Board, to the Legislature at their next sitting—

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In addition to the Exchange Agreed to on the 1st December 1.777, it is further agreed,

That Gabriel Van Norden, and Cornelius Bogert now prisoners in Morris-town be added to the list & be set at liberty upon the release of David Van Borson and John Hays, now prisoners in New York, and that the said Gabriel Van Norden have leave to be absent a reasonable time for negotiating the proposed Exchange.

In consequence of the infirmity of Peter T. Herring.

It is agreed that he be discharged from his parole, until the further orders of the Board concerning him, & that Gabriel Van Norden & Gerrit Demarest have permission to attend him home, the latter of whom to return to this place with all convenient speed—

Agreed that His Excellency be desired by advertisement to recommend to the Magistrates to execute with all diligence An Act of the Legislature passed on the 11 Decr last, entitled "An Act for regulating & limiting the price of Sundry Articles "of Produce, Manufacture & Trade" on pain of their being prosecuted for Neglect of duty in the premises, with the utmost rigour of Law.

Ordered That Mrs Hannah Higgins for coming from the enemy's lines into this State without the License required by Law give security for her appearance at the next Court of Qr Sessions of the peace to be held for the Co of Morris.

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning.

Met pursuant to Adjournment.

Saturday, 17th 1.778

Present, as before.

Agreed That Mr Kinney be allowed the sum of 40|— for providing the Council of Safety, with Firewood, Candles, &c, while they sat at his house.

Adjourned till Monday Morning 9 O'clock.

Monday 19th January 1.778

Met pursuant to adjt.

Present
His Excellency the Governor
Col Fleming Mr Smith
Mr Condict Col Drake
Mr Linn

Joseph

Joseph Morse J^{r} by virtue of Warrant was brought before the Board, & it appearing that he had been into the Enemies lines & returned into this State, without the permission by law required—Agreed that he be committed for trial to Morristown Gaol—

Agreed That John Crane be allowed the sum of \$4$^{\underline{00}}$ for his time & expense in bringing before the Council of Safety, Joseph Morse J^{r} above mentioned.

Agreed That W^{m} Van Cleaf have an order upon M^{r} Baldwin in Princeton for 5.000 Cartridges, for the use of the Militia in Monmouth County.

Adj^{d} till tomorrow Morning.

Tuesday, 20 Jany 1.778

Met, pursuant to adj^{t}

Agreed That Deborah Ogden, wife of John Ogden, (who is with the enemy) have leave to go to her husband, together with her Child & wearing Apparel.

Andrew Mills appeared before the Board, & on the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance being tendered to him, he took & subscribed the same & was discharged.

Frederick Cole being brought before the Board, & examined respecting sundry matters laid to his charge

Ordered That he be committed to close Custody, until he give security for the appearance at the next Court of Gen^{l} Q^{r} Sessions of the peace to be held in & for the County of Morris.

Agreed That Harman Rosin, for going into the Enemy's lines since the Treason law, & returning into this State as a spy, have five days to consider whether he will enlist in our service, or be committed for his trial.

Agreed That a Warrant do issue for apprehending & bringing before the Board, Enoch & peter Vreelandt, to answer to what shall be objected to them on behalf of the State.

John Francisco being brought before the Board, & denying the facts alleged against him, was remanded to the custody of the Guard, till the Witnesses arrive who are to support the charge.

Richard Lewis for travelling thro' the Country without a passport, was sent before the Board, and on his taking the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law prescribed, was thereupon dismissed.

Ezekiel Beech being cited before the Board to take the Oaths to Gov^{t}, & refusing to take the same & requesting to go into

into the Enemy's Lines;— Agreed That he have leave to go according to his request, that he depart this State for that purpose in three days from the date hereof, by the way of Elizabeth Town to Staten Island, & that the commanding officer at Elizabeth Town, be directed to send him over to the Island.

Agreed that Mr Condit pay to Major Crane for the use of Col Seely the sum of £5. 0. 0 for ten quires of paper purchased by Col for the Council of Safety.

Elisha Parker & Joseph Moore, having been examined, & their Examination reduced to writing & sworn to, Gave bond for their appearance in behalf of the State against Joseph Morse Jr, at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer, to be held in & for the Co of Morris.

Agreed that the sum of 20|s be paid to Elisha Parker for attending the Council of Safety, as a witness against Joseph Morse Jr & that Joseph Moore be paid the like sum for the like service.

Agreed that there be paid to Jos Catalin the sum of eight dollars for his time & trouble in serving a warrant issued from this Board, for the caption of Joseph Morse Junr, and that he be paid, for the use of David Smaley & Clarkson Manning the sum of two dollars for Each of them for assisting in the same service, and also that he be paid for the two men employed in carrying the said Morse to Major Crane the sum of 20|s apiece.

His Excellency was pleased to lay before the Board for their opinion therein, a letter from Col Seely, setting forth that some Tea & Sugar was sent to Mrs Boudinot from her friends at New York, and begging his direction in the premises.

Agreed That the said Tea & Sugar be delivered to Mrs Boudinot.

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning.

Met pursuant to adj't

21st Jany 1.778

Present
His Excellency the Governor
Col Fleming, Mr Smith
Mr Linn Mr Camp
Mr Condit

Leonard Davenport being sent before the Board, & denying the facts charged against him,

Agreed that he be remanded to Custody, until the Evidences appear against him, who are to support the charge.

Abraham

Abraham Cole for the like reason as above was in like manner remanded.

Austin Wright appeared before the Board, and having entered into recognizance with Abraham Cole his surety in the sum of £300 Each, for his appearance at the next Court of Gen^l^ Q^r^ Sessions of the peace to be held in & for the County of Morris, was thereupon discharged.

William Weaver, being brought before the Board, and denying the facts alleged against him, was remanded for further Evidence—

David & Henry Van Orden for joining the Enemy since the Treason Act & returning into this State, were ordered, into Custody, & five davs allowed them to consider whether they will Enlist into our service during the War, or be tried for High Treason.

Ordered That Abraham Smyth remain under Guard for further Evidence.

Frederick Cole appeared before the Board & Entered into recognizance with John Davenport his surety in £300 Each for his appearance at the next Court of Q^r^ Sessions of the peace in Morris County, he took also & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance and was thereupon dismissed;

Abraham Man in like manner entered into Bond with David Man his surety, in £300 Each, for his appearance at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer in Essex County, & took & subscribed the Oaths as aforesaid, & was discharged from the Guard—

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning.

Thursday, 22 Jany 1.778

Met pursuant to adj'^t^

Present, as before.

Ordered, That the Hon^ble^ Silas Condit pay to George King the sum of five dollars for serving a warrant, (issued from this Board,) upon Cap^t^ Kennedy, & bringing him before the Council of Safety—

Agreed That M^r^ Condict pay to Abraham Canfield the sum of 40|^s^ for going on a Message to M^r^ Hart for the Council of Safety.

John Folkenier being Sent before the Board, by Major Groetchius, as having been forced out of the Enemy's lines, into this State, Ordered,

That he be delivered into the Custody of the Guard, until further proof can be had concerning him.

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning.

Friday,

Friday, 23 Jany 1.778

The Council met, pursuant to adj'^{t}

Upon the request of the Attorney Gen^{l} Agreed that the Monmouth [prisoners] now confined in Sussex Gaol, be removed to Freehold for their trial, & that the Sheriff of Sussex be directed to Send them thither, under a Sufficient Guard—

Agreed, That a Warr^{t} do issue for apprehending & bringing before the Board, Daniel Layton, for refusing to comply with an Act of the Legislature lately passed for regulating *the Prices of Produce, Manufacture & Trade.*

Agreed That a Warr^{t} do in like Manner issue, for bringing before the Board, Joseph Smith, to answer for the same Offence as above.

Moses Kilburne appeared before the Board, & Entered into Bond for his appearance at the next Court of Gen^{l} Q^{r} Sessions of the Peace in & for the County of Morris, as a Witness in behalf of the State against Fred^{k} Cole & others.

Agreed That a subpoena do issue to W^{m} Loocey to appear before this Board, to give Evidence in behalf of the State against Joseph Smith.

Agreed that a Subpoena do issue to Kessiah Bayles to appear before the Board at 10 O'clock, on tomorrow Morning, on the behalf of Daniel Layton, at the suit of Peter Morris;—

Agreed that there be paid to Ja^{s} Serring for his expenses in going, for the Council of Safety, to Head Quarters, the sum of £9. 0. 2.

Abraham Cole, Abraham Smyth, Leonard Davenport & W^{m} Weaver, Severally appeared before the Board, & having entered into recognizance with John Davenport, & John Cole, their sureties, in the sum of £300 Each, were severally discharged.

24 January 1.778

Saturday.

The Council met agreeable to adjournment.

Present as before,

David & Henry Van Order having enlisted into the first Battalion of this State, during the War, were severally discharged from the Guard.

Ordered That Benjamin Pitney be summoned to attend this Board, on Tuesday Morning next at 10 O'clock.

Agreed That his Excellency draw upon M^{r} Jonathan Baldwin, for 500 pounds weight of Bullets of different sizes, if so

many can be spared, if not, to make up the Deficiency in Lead to be run into bullets at this place.

David Layton, pursuant to Warrant, Was brought before the Board, and it appearing that he had taken for Grain a higher price than the law allows; Agreed that he be fined for the said Offence as the Law prescribes, and that the proportion belonging to the Overseer of the Poor, Amounting to £3. 0. 0. be paid into the hands of Silas Condit Esq^r to be by him paid to the said Overseer.

Adjourned till Monday Morning next 9 O'clock,

Monday, 26^th Jany 1777

Met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before..

It being represented to the Board that M^rs Hoffman had propogated thro' the Country an intended invasion of the Enemy into this State; Agreed that she be sent for before the Board, to answer for her Conduct in the premises.

Joseph Smyth pursuant to a Warrant was brought before the Board, & it being proved to them, that he had spoken contemptuously of a Law lately passed, for regulating the prices of Produce &c; Agreed that he give Bond for his appearance at the next Court of Gen^l Q^r Sessions of the Peace for the County of Morris; which he accordingly did with John Smyth his surety in £'300 Each & was thereupon dismissed.

Agreed that there be prid to Cyrus Beckwith the sum of £43. 17. 11 for his expenses in transporting into the Enemy's lines M^rs Barton, M^rs Haggarthe & their families.

Agreed that John Smyth refund to the Widow Pearson the overplus of the money over & above what the Law allows for Wheat, lately purchased by the said M^rs Pearson, from him, And that he produce her receipt for such disbursement within two days from this time.

Enoch & Isaac Vreeland appeared before the Board & took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as prescribed by Law.

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning 9 O'clock.

Volume IV.

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

Silas Condict,
W^{m} Paterson,
Theo Elmer,
John Hart,
Benj^{m} Manning,
M^{r} Cooper,
M^{r} Imlay,
Peter Tallman,
M^{r} Linn,
John Mehelm,

Caleb Camp,
Jacob Drake,
Jonathan Bowen,
John Buck,
W^{m} P. Smith,
Ed^{w} Fleming,
M^{r} Crane,
M^{r} Fennemore,
M^{r} Cook,
M^{r} Keasby.

Morristown, 27 Jany 1.778.

Met pursuant to adj^{t}.

Present,
His Excellency the Governor
M^{r} Smith, M^{r} Linn
M^{r} Condit, M^{r} Camp
Co^{l} Fleming.

Benjamin Pitney being called before the Board, & it being proved upon Oath, that he had spoken disrespectfully of an Act of the Legislature lately passed for regulating the prices of Produce &c ; Agreed that he be bound for his appearance at the next Court of Gen^{l} Q^{r} Sessions of the Peace for the County of Morris, which he accordingly was, with Ja^{s} Puff Locey, his surety, in £'300 Each— Agreed further that the Said Pitney be fined £'6. 0. 0 for the breach of the said Law in selling Shoes for more than the stipulated price, and also that he forfeit the sum of four dollars & a half the price the said shoes were sold at.

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning.

28 January 1.778

Met pursuant to adj^{t}

Present, as before.

Agreed that M^{rs} Spencer (wife of Co^{l} Oliver Spencer) be summoned to attend this Board,

Agreed That M^{rs} Hannah Ward, for going into the Enemy's Lines, and returning into this State without the permission for so doing required by Law, Give bond for her appearance at the next Court of Gen^{l} Quarter sessions of the peace to be held in & for the County of Morris, and that in the meantime she stay within one mile of Sussex Court House.

Hannah

Hannah Ward above named appeared before the Board, & having entered into recognizance agreeable to the above order, with James Crane his surety in £'300 Each, was thereupon discharged.

Jas Wells appeared before the Board & having entered into Recognizance with Richard Churchwards, his surety, in £'300 Each, Was dismissed.

Thos Van Camp was brought before the Board & it appearing that he had asked more for Flour than the Regulated price & that he had also made a distinction between Continental & Hard money, undervaluing the former; Agreed That for the first Offence, he forfeit the Flour, & be fined the sum of £6. 0. 0 & for the latter he be fined the like Sum of £.6 0. 0.

Wm Pace being in like Manner brought before the Board, & its being proved that he had asked more for beef than the law allows; Agreed that he be fined for the Said Offence the sum of £6. 0. 0 and forfeit the said beef.

Joseph Morse Junr being brought before the Board, & having entered into recognizance with William Pearson his Surety in £300 Each, for his appearance at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer in Essex County, was discharged from his imprisonment.

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning.

29th January 1.778, Thursday,

The Council met at Morristown.

Present as before.

John Folkiner was ordered before the Board, and gave his parole in writing to the President & Council of Safety to remain within three miles of the Court House in Morristown, & was thereupon discharged.

Agreed That Jane Foster have leave to remove into the Enemy's lines.

Agreed That Elias Marsh, John Thomson, Morris Thorpe, and Robert Izalton, be committed to close confinement, in the Gaol at New Ark, & that Mittimusses do issue to Col Seely for that purpose.

Caleb Avins being charged before the Council of Safety, with having Gone into the Enemy's lines & returning without the Licence prescribed by Law, declared his Willingness to enlist, & did accordingly enlist in one of the New Jersey Divisions, whereupon he was discharged.

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning.

Friday,

Friday, 30th Jany 1.777

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Mrs Hoffman (wife of Nicholas Hoffman) appeared before the Board & entered into recognizance with Abraham Ogden her surety, in £'1.000 Each for her appearance at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer in Essex County; Agreed that she remain within One Mile of the Court House in Morris Town until the sitting of the Court above mentioned & that in default thereof, she be committed to prison as a person disaffected to & having dangerous designs against the present Government.

It being represented to the Board that Isaac Blank, Jacob Wortendyck, & John Morris, late prisoners in New York, Are set at Liberty, Agreed That Peter T. Herring, Gabriel Van Norden & Cornelius Bogert, prisoners in Morristown be also set at liberty; And that Gerrit Demarest, Gerrit Vangieson, John Paulese, & John Van Buskirk the remaining prisoners at Morristown, who were confined to procure the exchange of a like number of prisoners in New York, have liberty to return to their respective homes for one month from the date hereof; in order to procure the release of Thos Bantha, Bernardus Verbryck, Samuel Verbryck, & John Hays, & to return to Morristown if such exchange is not procured within that time; but if it is, that they are discharged from their Bond & may remain at home; And that Abraham Van Gieson be liberated on the like parole with David Van Bursen whenever the Nature of Van Bursen's parole shall be made known to this Board; & that the said Abraham Van Gieson, have also leave to go home for a month.

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning.

31st Jany 1.778

Met pursuant to adjt

Present, as before,

Agreed That Mr William Livingston Jr be allowed at the rate of 30|s p day for his past services in attending the Council of Safety as their Secretary.

Ordered that Mr Condit advance to Wm Livingston Jr, for attending the Council of Safety 50 days the sum of £'75—

Agreed, that there be paid to the Revd Mr Jones for firewood & Candles provided for the Council of Safety, during their sitting at his house the sum of £'4. 0. 0.

Ordered That there be paid to Benoni Hathaway, for repairing Carriages & Moving Field pieces by the order of the Council of Safety the sum of £4. 18. 3.

Jacob

Jacob FitzRandolph appeared before the Board, and it appearing that he had been providing the Enemy with provisions, & that he was disaffected to & had dangerous designs against the present Gov^{t}, Whereupon agreed, That he be committed for high Treason, to Morristown Gaol, and That a Warrant of Commitment do issue for that purpose.

Agreed that M^{r} Condit pay to Isaac Clark for bringing the above Fitz Randolph before the Board the sum of £1. 17. 6

Agreed That for the like offence as above, Tho^{s} Vancamp & W^{m} Pace be in like manner Committed to Morristown Gaol, for their trial.

The Board being informed by his Excellency Gen^{l} Washington, by letter of the 20th Instant, that he considers Cap^{tn} Archibald Kennedy as a State prisoner, & that therefore he does not think that he has any right to interfere in the matter; & the Board conceiving the said Cap^{tn} Kennedy disaffected to the present Gov^{t}, and his residence at his present place of abode dangerous to the State; Ordered, That he remove within 8 days from the date hereof, into the County of Sussex, & there remain within one mile of the Court House at Newtown till the further order of the Board respecting him.

Ordered that M^{r} Condit pay to Caleb Howell for his expenses in transacting business for the Council of Safety the sum of £'3. 15. 5.

Agreed That there be paid to David Ogden for expenses in attending the Council of Safety, as a light Horseman, the sum of £2. 9. 9.

Agreed that his Excellency the Governor have two light Horsemen to attend him, till the meeting of the Assembly, as well as a Guard to his person, as for the purpose of being employed as expresses.

Upon the application of Joseph Lewis,

Agreed That W^{m} Jones employed by him in the Commissary Dep^{t} be exempted from Military Duty in the Militia during his continuance in that Employment.

Adjourned till the Meeting of the Legislature.

15th Feby 1.778

The Council of Safety met at Trenton.

Present,
His Excellency the Governor
M^{r} Speaker M^{r} Camp
M^{r} Condit M^{r} Manning
M^{r} Imlay.

Agreed

Agreed that Capt Tacker be directed to order a detachment of the Militia of Hunterdon of 16 men, with a trusty Officer to attend the President & Council of Safety & Guard the prisoners in the Gaol of Trenton.

Agreed That Jacob Fitz Randolph discharged from the Custody of the Sheriff of Morris, upon his Entering into a Bond with Surety to his Excellency the Governor for the use of the State in the Penalty of £2000—to remain at the House of Hartshorn FitzRandolph at Mondham or within one mile thereof until the further order of the Council of Safety.

Agreed that Sarah Man have leave to go into the Lines to her husband, with her three children, to wit, David, Thomas & Mathias, & that Elizabeth Cadington have the like permission with her five children, to wit, Margaret, Violet, Moses, Isaia, & Elizabeth.

17th Feby 1.778

The Council met at Trenton.

Present,
His Excellency the Governor,
Mr Crane
Mr Cooper
Mr Condit
Mr Imlay
Mr Manning
Mr Tallman
Mr Hart.

Agreed that Major Hoagland be directed immediately to impress Waggons horses, Teams, Carriages & drivers & cause to be transported to this place the pork at Isaac Reckless', & at Mr Talman's, and at John Tomlinson's in the possession of Col Knot, belonging to the publick, and to be delivered to Jas Paton at Trenton,

[In the original, the proceedings of the 18th Feb'y follows the 27th, with a statement that they were omitted in their proper place.]

18 Feby 1.778

The Council met at Princeton.

Present.
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Manning
Mr Condit
Col Fleming
Mr Elmer,
Mr Imlay
Mr Tallman
Mr Drake
Mr Camp.

Agreed That Mr Peter Gordon be authorized to impress Waggons, & Teams, with suitable drivers to transport provisions

visions from this place to the Continental Army, & in case of need to apply to any Militia Officer to afford him the necessary aid for that purpose.

Agreed That a Warrant be issued for John Dixon of Bottle Hill to appear before the Council of Safety.

25th Feby 1.778

The Council met at Trenton.

Present
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Condit Mr Crane
Mr Linn Mr Elmer
Mr Cooper

John Dixon was brought before the Board, & it appearing that he had spoken contemptuously of the Law of this State regulating the prices of Produce Manufacture & Trade.

Agreed that he give Bond for his appearance at the next Court of Genl Qr Sessions, of the peace for Morris County, which he accordingly did with Daniel Bedford his surety in £300 Each, & was thereupon dismissed.

Ordered That Warrants for apprehending & bringing before the Board John Thomson & Elias Marsh

Mathias Isilton and Norris Thorpe appeared before the Board, and it appearing they had attempted to go into the Enemies' Lines without any Lawful permission obtained therefor; It was agreed That they should be committed to Gaol for their trial.

The following persons to wit: Jacob Londy, Elijah Londy, Henry Widdonfield, & Henry Parker of the people called Quakers, were taken up, upon suspicion of their going into the Enemies lines & upon examination it being found the sd suspicion was ill-founded, they were discharged from the Guard, & had permission to return to their respective homes.

26th Feby 1.778

The Council met.

Present

His Excellency the Governor
Mr Cooper Mr Condit
Mr Imlay Mr Elmer
Mr Imlay.

Agreed

Agreed that there be advanced to Mr Pettit the sum of £1. 2. 6 paid by him to an Express at Princeton.

Agreed that Col Reed be desired to send the following prisoners to the Council of Safety, to wit : William Lippincott, Stacy Atkinson, Wm Corstron, John Osborne, Nathaniel Smith, Thomas & Nicholas Rice, who were taken up for trading with the Enemy.

P. M. The Council met.

Present
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Crane Col Drake
Mr Manning Mr Linn
Mr Elmer

Ebert Mount was brought before the Board, and it appearing that he had Enlisted into the Service of the Enemy Since the Treason Law, passed in this State ; time was thereupon allowed him to consider whether he will Enlist into our Service or be committed to Gaol for his trial.

Four deserters from the British Army were in like manner brought before the Board, Whereupon Agreed That they be delivered over to the disposal of Genl Pulaski, and that they be allowed Sixty dollars for four Stand of Arms brought with them from the Enemy.

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning.

27th Feby 1.778

The Council met pursuant to adjt

Present
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Elmer Mr Crane
Col Drake, Mr Buck
Mr Manning Mr Condit

Agreed That Mr Condit pay to Mr Liddle the sum of £25. 2. 1 for sundry expenses while in service and on express by order of Genl Dickinson.

Agreed That Mr Condict pay to John Goldsmith the sum of Three pounds by order of the Council.

Agreed That Mary Kerder, a Woman from Sussex County, whose husband is with the Enemy, have permission, together with her daughter to Go to Staten Island.

Agreed

Agreed that there be paid to Wm Vandyke the sum of £7. 11. 3 for his trouble & expenses in bringing 4 deserters from Staten Island to this place from Elizabeth Town.

Mr Buck left his seat at the Board & Mr Camp took his place.

Evert Mount appeared again before the Board, & enlisting into our Service & taking the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance prescribed by Law, was dismissed.

Agreed That there be pd to Jas Paxton, the following sums expended by him in hiring expresses, vizt

To William Rosin the sum of . . .	£3. 7. 6
To William Roscow —do— . . .	2. 5. 0
& to Richard Bordon —do— . . .	1. 10. —

An application was made to the Board, by Jas Paxton, to have the following persons, employed in the Commissary Dept in this Town, excused from Military Duty, in the Militia, which being taken into consideration,

Agreed That one Cooper be exempted, from his next Tour of Duty, in the Militia, Agreeable to the above Application.

The persons above alluded to, are 1 Cooper 1 Commissary, 1 Clerk, 1 Clerk of the Scales, & Superintendent of the Bakehouses & 1 Commissary.

28th Feby 1.778

The Council met at Trenton.

Present
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Condict Mr Crane
Col Fleming Mr Elmer
Mr Cooper Mr Buck

The following persons viz Nathaniel Smith, Thos Watts and Nicholas Rice, subjects of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, being brought before the Board upon suspicion of their having been trading with the Enemy & examined relative thereto; The Council were of opinion that the charge was not supported & they were accordingly dismissed.

William Lippincott an inhabitant of Philadelphia apprehended on his way to the Enemy without a passport is ordered to be committed to Burlington Gaol for trial.

Stacy Atkinson being taken up on his way to Philadelphia with beef destined for that place was ordered to be committed in like manner.

The

The like determination with regard to John Osgood for carrying flour to the Enemy in Philadelphia.

Agreed that Col Bowes Reed be directed to send to this place under a proper Guard, all the prisoners in Burlington Gaol Committed for or charged with trading with the Enemy, or going into their Lines without proper passports, together with their names.

Agreed that the Governor issue his order for impressing a competent number of Waggons for transporting the provisions purchased by the Board of War, of the State of Pennsylvania, to the Gallies who are in Great want of provisions and unable on that account to proceed on their intended cruize from this place towards Philadelphia to prevent the designs of the Enemy up the Delaware.

Sunday, 1st March 1.778

The Council Met.

Present
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Condit — Mr Manning
Mr Elmer — Mr Cooper
Mr Camp

Thos Hand, Patrick McNelly, & John Baylis deserting from the Enemy were brought before the Board, whose examination being taken, they were sent on to Head Quarters.

2nd March 1.778

The Council met at Trenton

Present.
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Cooper — Mr Elmer
Mr Condit — Mr Buck
Mr Crane

Agreed That His Excellency the Governor be desired to write to the person in Fredericktown in Virginia who has the Custody of Wm Wooley lately of Monmouth Co and a subject of this State, desiring him to deliver the said Wm Wooley to Richard Bell, he having promised to bring him into this State, and to Enter into Bond for his appearing before the Council of Safety of this State, in a reasonable time after his arrival in it.

The

The following persons vizt, Thos Eldridge, John Pearson, Moses pippit, Wm Mattock, Samuel Skill, Thos Bishop, Peter Becket, Stephen Becket, Wm Lippincott, Saml Hackney, Joab Eldridge, Ezekiel Cox, Benjin Nailor, John George, Simeon Collins, Richd McGennis, George French, John Brock, John Home, John Becket, John Lodge, Andrew Sweeton, and Richard Wright, were sent prisoners from Burlington to the Council of Safety upon suspicion of their having been trading with the Enemy. The former ten, confessing that they had been into the Enemy's lines & had taken provisions with them, & the latter that they had in like manner been into Philadelphia & returned into this State, without the license required by Law.

Ordered That they all be Committed to Burlington Gaol for their trial.

Agreed That the Delinquents abovenamed be tried in the Co of Burlington.

3d March 1.778

The Council of Safety met at Trenton.

Present
His Excellency the Governor.
Mr Elmer Mr Cooper
Mr Buck Mr Tallman
Mr Crane.

Agreeable to a recommendation of the Court of Oyer & Terminer, & General Gaol Delivery holden at Freehold in & for the County of Monmouth Jany 1st 1.778.

Agreed that the follg Constables have compensation made them for their extraordinary attendance at said Court at the follg rates vizt.

Jas Wilson	12 days	c 20|. p day	£12.	0.	0
Joseph Coward	12 “	20|. —do—	12.	0.	0.
Jas Tapscott	10 —“—	20|. —do—	10.	0.	0.
Zeph. Morris	12 —“—	20|. —do—	12.	0.	0
George Harrison Cryer	12 days	c 10|.	6.	0.	0
			£52.	0.	0

Nathaniel Middleton being called before the Board had the Affirmations to the Effect of the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance tendered to him, which he took & subscribed & was thereupon dismissed.

Agreed

Agreed that the Council purchase of Col Sullivan one ton of Continental powder for the use of the State.

Agreed That 160 Weight of the Said Powder & 100lb of Musket Bullets in the hands of Mr Baldwin, in Princeton be delivered to Mr Hendrick Van Brunt for the use of the Monmouth Militia.

Saturday, 7th March 1.778

The Council met at Trenton.

Present
His Excellency the Governor.
Mr Crane Mr Imlay
Mr Elmer Mr Manning
Col Fleming.

Elias Marsh, John Thompson, Norris Thorpe, & Matthias Iselstin, were brought before the Board, & having Severally took & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as prescribed by Law, were discharged; the latter two, at the same time Entered into recognizance in £300 Each, for their respective appearances at the Supreme Court to be held in the Co of Middlesex.

Conrad Fredericks being brought before the Board for Going into the Enemy's lines, entered into Bond with Abm W. Depuyster in £300 Each, for his appearance at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer, to be held in & for the Co of Essex.

Gerrit Demarest, Gerrit Van Gieson, John Paulese & John Van Boskirk, who were confined at Morristown, to procure an Exchange of a like number of prisoners in New York, having had permission from this Board, on the 30th Jany last, to return to their respective homes, for one month, to negotiate the Exchange aforesaid, & were to return to Morristown within that time, if such Exchange was not Effected; And the Board having received advice that they had respectively returned according to their respective Engagements (except Boskirk who is taken ill) & was desirous of having a further time allowed them for the purpose aforesaid.—

Whereupon Agreed, That they have the same indulgence extended to one month longer, from the date, at the expiration of which, they are to return to Morristown, provided the proposed Exchange does not take place. Agreed That Abm Van Gieson have leave in like manner to go home for a month.

9th March

9th March 1.778

The Council met at Trenton.

Present.
His Excellency the Governor

Mr Crane	Mr Elmer
Mr Elmer	Col Fleming
Mr Buck	Col Drake

Agreed That there be purchased from Mr Collins half a ream of his printing paper for the use of the Council of Safety & that Col Drake pay for the Same.

Agreed that the powder purchased from Col Sullivan for the use of the State, except the 160lb delivered to Hendrick Van Brunt, and the 180wt thereof to be sent to the Co of Cumberland, be deposited in Morris County, under the Care of Genl Winds, who is to make return thereof to his Excellency the Governor, & the said powder after the same shall be so deposited is to be delivered by Genl Winds to the order of His Excellency for the use of the Militia.

Agreed that the Co of 60 men, one lieut & an Eusign (that Major Goetchius, by an order of the 5th December last, was authorized to raise for the defence of Bergen Co, & which were to continue in Service during 3 months from the date thereof) be continued for 3 months longer from the date hereof unless sooner discharged, or that the like number be raised & continued for that time, & that Major Goetchius be authorized to raise four light Horsemen, out of his said Company of Infantry who are to be allowed the same pay & rations as the other light horsemen of this State.

March 10th 1.778

The Council met at Trenton

Present
His Excellency the Governor

Mr Buck	Mr Camp
Mr Manning	Col Drake

Col Fleming.

Samuel Titus was called before the Board & it being proved that he had asked for 5lbs of Butter more than the Law allows,

Agreed

Agreed that he be fined the sum of £6. 0. 0. for the breach of the law in so doing & forfeit the sum of 13|9 the price asked for the butter aforesaid.

Samuel Tucker appeared before the Board & having taken & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as prescribed by Law, was thereupon dismissed.

Ordered that Mr Condit pay to Thos Philipse for the use of Henry Post the sum of £10. 14. 3 for his time & trouble in attending the Council of Safety as a light Horseman from the 22 Feby to the 4 March.

Agreed that a subpoena do issue for the appearance of Joseph Higby before this Board at 7 O'clock, this Evening to give Evidence in behalf of the State against Woolingston Redman, & that a Warrant issue for the appearance of the said Redman at the same time.

A. M.

Present as before.

Woolingston Redman appearing before the Board pursuant to warrant & confessing that he had Sold 200wt of Flour at a higher price than the law directs, Agreed that he be fined the Sum of £6. 0. 0 for the said Offence & also the sum of £3. 6|. being the price demanded for the said 200wt

Agreed that his Excellency publish an advertisement directing the Farmers in the Neighbourhood of this place to bring their provisions into the town, without the fear of having their Waggons, Horses & Cattle taken from them for the Service of the Army.

March 13th 1.778.

The Council met at Trenton.

Present
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Manning   Mr Tallman
Mr Condit   Mr Elmer
Col Drake,

Ordered That Mr Condit pay to Jas Serrings & others the sum of £40. 11. 7 for attending the Council of Safety as Light Horsemen.

Agreed That 200 weight of lead made into Ball & 500 flints be delivered to Newcomb Thomson for the use of the Cumberland Co Militia.

March

March 17th 1.778

The Council met at Trenton.

Present,
His Excellency the Governor

Mr Condit	Col Fleming
Mr Manning	Mr Camp
Mr Buck	Mr Speaker

Agreed That there be paid to Jonathan Dear for the use of Andrew McMackin, the sum of £6. 16. 6 for casting musket balls for the use of the State & for his expenses attending the Same.

Edward Steward being brought before the Board, upon Suspicion of coming into this State as a Spy from the Enemy, & there not being Sufficient Evidence to convict him of the Fact,

Agreed that he be remanded, until further testimony be had on the subject.

John Paradise was brought before the Board, for going into the Enemy's lines, & returning into this State, without a passport,

Whereupon, Agreed, that he have five days to consider whether he will enlist into one of the Battalions of this State in the Continental Service, & that in the meantime he be committed to the Guard in this place.

Agreed that Col Hathway receive from Mr Ogden, at Boontown, the 20.000 flints sent or to be sent into this State, by Mr Archibald Mercer, from Boston, (first paying to Ogden at Boontown for the cartage) & to be accountable for them when properly called upon.

Agreed that there be paid to Major Asher Holmes, the sum of £'120—for the use of the Wives, Widows & Children, of such of the Militia inhabitants of Monmouth Coy, who have been Either taken prisoners by the Enemy or Killed in Battle & who are proper objects of public charity, to be distributed among them at discretion.

The prisoners & killed Are; James Hibbits, Peter Yateman, Saml Hanzey, John Bowes, Abraham Merlat, Nathan Maxin, Joseph Davis, Wm Norris, Wm Cole, Alexr Clark, Lambert Johnston, & Obadiah Stillwel.

Agreed that there be paid to Major Alfred Holmes for monies expended by him in paying Sundry expresses on the public Service the sum of £'4. 9. 9

Agreed That there be paid to Mr Manning for the use of Reuben

Reuben Potter, for his expenses in removing the wife of Ellis Barron, the wife of Samuel Moores, & the wife of Moses Write from Woodbridge to Eliz. Town, to be sent over with a Flag from thence to Staten Island, by order of the Council of Safety the sum of £11. 10|—

Agreed that there be paid to John Buck for the use of Newcomb Thompson the Sum of £7. 10|– for Conveying Military Stores from Princeton to Cumberland C^{oy}

Agreed that there be paid to John Hart for the use of the Constables, for their extraordinary Services in attending the Court of Oyer & Terminer, held at Flemingtown for the County of Hunterdon, the sum of £32. 0. 0.

Agreed That there be paid to John Hart Esq^{r} for the use of Elijah Stout, for his Services in attending the Court of Flemingtown the sum of £2. 16. 10.

Agreed that there be paid to John Hart Esq^{r} for the use of John Paral, for the expenses attending the Cure of a Wound which he received on the 26 Jany while Engaged in the Militia in Co^{l} Chambers' Battalion, in an action with the Enemy, the sum of £10. 0. 0.

Agreed that there be paid to John Hart Esq^{r} for the use of James Blooks the amount of monies paid to the Doctor for the Cure of a Wound received from the Enemy while on Military Duty, the sum of £5. 15. 6.

March 18. 1.778

The Council met at Trenton.

Present
His Excellency the Governor
M^{r} Tallman
Co^{l} Fleming
M^{r} Speaker
M^{r} Manning
M^{r} Buck
M^{r} Imlay

Agreed that Stephen Burrows, & William Heburn his journeyman, (or any journeyman he at present Employs) be exempted from Military Duty in the Militia, during the time they shall be Engaged in repairing the Saddles & accoutrements of the First Regiment of Virginia Cavalry, Commanded by Co^{l} Bland, & that this exemption continue in force no longer than they are wanted for the business aforesaid.

Agreed that Alexander Edwards Miller, employed at W^{m} Lewis' Mill & that Joseph Smith & Jacob Davenport, Coopers, engaged at the same place, be excused from serving in the Militia for one month from the date hereof.

Agreed

Agreed That Thomas Hunt, John Bellerjan, & Samuel Tucker Junr, employed in making & mending Boots for the Cavalry by Wm Tucker, be excused from doing duty in the Militia, during the time they shall be engaged in that work;—

Agreed that there be paid to Joseph Holingshead for providing 76 prisoners in Burlington, & the Guard kept over them, with Victuals, Wood & other Necessaries in the Month of September last, & for his time & expenses in attending the same, the sum of £82. 2|.

March 20th 1.778

The Council met at Trenton

Present, as before.

A Memorial presented to the Treasury board by Thos Leaming, respecting a quantity of Salt taken from him by Commissary Hugg, & by them to the Governor & Executive Council of this State, being read & Mr Leaming having opened the case, The Council thought proper to defer the hearing till depositions were taken on the part of the public, respecting the Matters complained of.

21st March 1.778

The Council met at Princeton.

Present,
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Buck, Mr Tallman
Mr Manning Col Fleming
Col Drake,

Agreed that his Excellency the Governor be desired to write to the person in Reading in Pennsylvania, who has the Custody of Jacob Bogert lately of Bergen County and a subject of this State desiring him to deliver the said Jacob Bogert to Hendrick Bogert & Samuel Campbell they having promised to bring him into this State, and to enter into Bond in £300— lawful money, of the State aforesaid, for his appearing before the President & Council of Safety thereof, in a reasonable time after his arrival in it.

22nd March 1.778

The Council met,

Present.
His Excellency the Governor.
Col Fleming Mr Camp
Mr Manning Mr Buck
Col Drake.

Ordered

Ordered, That in Virtue of a resolution of the Council & Assembly, Watres Smith be appointed to impress Six Strong Waggons on timber wheels, with six horses Each & 18 waggons with 4 horses Each, & a sufficient number of Drivers for removing Cannon to the neighborhood of Trenton, & removing Stores & Ammunition, to Pittston, & Common Stores, Rigging & Sails to convenient places out of the enemy's reach which common Stores, ammunition, rigging & Sails, belong to the Navy Board, of Pennsylvania, to be continued in Service for any term not exceeding six days, provided that the said Navy Board, Engage to pay the owners of the said Carriages, Wagons & Teams so impressed & the said Drivers, the like Wages, as they are allowed when in the service of the Continent, & also make the said Watres Smith a reasonable Compensation for his trouble as Waggon-Master.

John Paradise was discharged from Custody upon Entering into recognizance with George Anthony in £300 to appear at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer for the County of Hunterdon.

March 24th 1.778

The Council met at Trenton

Present

His Excellency the Governor

M^r Buck,	Co^l Fleming
M^r Camp,	M^r Condict
M^r Crane,	M^r Imlay

Agreed that Brig^dr Gen^l Winds, succeed Co^l Seely in the post at Elizabeth Town, & that he be informed thereof by letter from His Excellency.

Upon the Application of Benjamin Smith, Agreed that Benj^m Smith and David Van Corden, his apprentices, and Lott Dunborr & W^m Yard his journeymen, employed in working for the Continental light horse, stationed in this town, be exempted from Serving their respective Tours of Duty, in the Militia for the space of two weeks from the date hereof.

Agreed that the Powder purchased by the Council of Safety, for the use of the State, and lodged in this town, be removed into Burlington Co^y, & put under the care of M^r John Tomkin & that the person who Carries the said powder call at M^r Imlay's, for the lead at his house, to be deposited with the powder at M^r Tomkin's, & that M^r Tomkin be desired to make up into Cartridges the said powder as far as the lead will permit; & to deliver them out as occasion may require, to the Commanding Officer for the time being, in the Western parts of the State.

March,

March, 25th 1778

The Council met at Trenton.

Present,

Mr Buck,
Mr Imlay,
Mr Cooper,
Mr Linn,
Col Fleming,
Mr Condict
Mr Crane
Mr Tallman,
Col Drake
Mr Camp

His Excellency the Governor being absent, & the Majority of the Council of Safety present, they proceeded (pursuant to the Authority Given in and by the 21st Section of an act entitled "An Act for constituting a Council of Safety") to the choice of a president for the time being when the Honble John Stevens Esqr was unanimously appointed to the Chair, who took his seat accordingly.

The following persons, vizt Wm Rawson, Saml Courzens, John Sweeton, & Joshua Clever, subjects of this State, Jas Besley, Michael Mains, & Joseph Dain, Citizens of Delaware State, & Abraham Williams lately of Virginia, were sent from Cumberland, before the Board; The Council having taken & reduced to writing their respective examinations, & being informed that they had been previously examined by the Atty Genl,

Agreed That before they Are proceeded against, a letter be written to Mr Patterson for information of what he knows' concerning them.

Samuel Davis Junr, Christopher Guron, Seth Brook & Josiah Lawrence, being in like manner brought before the Board in order that they might be disposed of out of the reach of the Enemy, & it appearing that they were under Sentence of the Law for divers crimes & misdemeanors,—The Council thought proper to leave them in the Custody of the Sheriff, until the law has been duly executed upon them.

Agreed that Mr Condict pay to Wm Low, the sum of £6. 16 9. in compensation for his time & expenses in bringing the above persons from Cumberland before the Council of Safety.

26 March 1.778

The Council met at Trenton.

Present
His Excellency the Governor

Mr Crane
Mr Imlay
Mr Elmer
Mr Buck
Mr Cooper
Col Fleming
Mr Condict.

The

The following prisoners from Gloucester, vizt, Jacob Shoulder, Jacob Mouse, Isaac Zane, Sam^l^ & W^m^ Hewling, Tho^s^ & Jacob Jones, W^m^ Davenport, Tho^s^ Smith, Gunrod Shoemaker, Daniel Murray, and Blakey Hurltey, and a Negro Man belonging to John Cox, severally appeared before the Board;—Their several confessions before Justice Hugg having been read, & they examined thereupon & it being too late to Enter upon their respective Cases, The Council Adj'd till tomorrow morning 9 O'clock,

27th March 1.778

The Council met, pursuant to adj^t^

Present,
His Excellency the Governor,
M^r^ Elmer, Co^l^ Fleming
M^r^ Condict, M^r^ Buck,
M^r^ Imlay,

The Council having received the necessary proofs from the Attorneys Gen^l^ respecting the prisoners who were brought before the Board on the 25th, came to the following determination concerning them; vizt:

That William Rawson & Samuel Cousens for going into the Enemy's lines, & furnishing them with provisions & returning into this State Contrary to Law, have five days to consider whether they will Enlist into the Continental Army or be Committed for their trial.

That Joshua Clever & John Sweeton be dismissed on taking the Oaths or affirmations to Gov^t^ And

That Michael Main, James Besley & Joseph Dain, subjects of the Delaware State be sent to Head Quarters to be at the disposal of Gen^l^ Washington.

The Council resumed the Consideration of the prisoners from Gloucester, referred from the last Evening to this Morning, when the following resolutions respecting them were agreed to, viz^t^

That William Hewling & Tho^s^ Jones be committed to Gaol for trial.

That Jacob Shoulder, Jacob Mouse, Isaac Zane and Sam^l^ Hewling, have 5 days to determine whether they will enlist into the Continental Service during the War or be committed for their trial, for going into the Enemy's lines & returning into this State contrary to Law.

That Jacob Jones, Gunrod Shoemaker, William Davenport, Tho^s^ Smith and a negro man belonging to John Cox be discharged

charged, the former four on taking the Oaths to Government prescribed by Law.

And That Daniel Murray & Blakey Hurltey, Suspected of being Spies from the Enemy & also for Endeavoring to pass Counterfeit money, found upon them, be sent to Head Quarters.

Joshua Clever, John Sweeton, Jacob Jones, Gunrod Shoemaker, & Thos Smith were called in & having taken and subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law directed, were severally discharged.

William Davenport was also called in, Who having taken the Affirmations to the Effect of the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance & was in like manner dismissed.

James Stealman, appeared before the Board & Entered into recognizance in the sum of £100—to appear at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer to be held in & for the County of Essex, to give Evidence in behalf of the State against Wm Hewling & Thos Jones.

Agreed that Mr Condict pay to Mr Buck for the use of John Soullard, for the expenses attending the bringing a number of prisoners from Cumberland before the Council of Safety £17. 7.|

Agreeable to the recommendation of the Justices of the Court of Oyer & Terminer held at Crosswicks, in & for the Co of Burlington, in the Month of March 1.778.

Resolved That the Constables hereafter named, be allowed the several sums annexed to their names, as a compensation for their respective services at said Court, Vizt

	£.	S.	D.
John Hodgkinson Constable for attending 9 days c 12|. Each	5.	8.	0
To his serving 4 Subpoenas. 14 miles Each . . .	1.	10.	0
Thos Powell, Constable for attending 9 days c 12|. Each	5.	8.	0
To his serving 4 subpoenas. 14 miles Each . . .	1.	10.	0
John Smith's attendance as Constable, for 9 days c 12|. Each	5.	8.	0
To his serving 3 Subpoenas 8 miles Each, . . .	0.	15.	0
John Singleton's attendance as Constable, for 9 days c 12|. p day	5.	8.	0
Richard Cox's attendance as Constable, for 9 days c 12|. Each	5.	8.	0
Joseph Mingin's attendance as Constable 9 days c 12| Each, ...	5.	8.	0
To his serving 4 subps 14 Miles Each	1.	10.	0
	£37.	13.	—

Agreed

Agreed that Mr Condict pay to Peter Schenck for the use of Asher Holmes for money paid by him to an Express for going from Morris Town & New German Town to the Speaker of the Assembly, at the request of the Atty Genl the sum of £6. 8. 2

Agreed that Mr Condict pay to Peter Schenck, for the use of Asher Holmes the sum of £5. 8. 9 being Money laid out by him, in bringing Ammunition from Eliz: Town to Freehold for the use of the Monmouth Militia.

Agreed that Bartholomew Fort a Cooper employed at making Casks, at George Bergen's Mill be excused from serving in the Militia for the space of one month from the date hereof.

April, 1st 1.778

The Council met at Trenton.

Present,
Mr Vice president
Mr Imlay Mr Elmer
Mr Buck Mr Cooper
Mr Condict.

William McCollam, Captn of the "Carolina" Paquet, & Hugh Smith Mate of the Same, together with five Sailors taken by John Brooks Commander of the Sloop "Scorpion," from Salem in New England, were brought before the Board; whereupon agreed,

That Captn McCollam & Hugh Smith be put on parole to remain in this town until further orders, & that the Sailors be committed to the Guard,

Agreed That the president draw on Captn Tucker for 150 Cartridges for the use of Captn Quigly's Guard stationed at this place & take his receipt for the same, he promising to return them within a month.

Adjd till 3 o'clock P. M.

Met pursuant to adjt

Present
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Condict Mr Elmer
Mr Manning Mr Buck
Col Fleming

Agreed that there be paid to John Drake for the use of Benjamin Blackwell for serving the Council of Safety as a light

Horseman

Horseman from the 2nd March 1.778 to the 1st April the Sum of £17. 2|. 0

That there be paid to John Drake for the use of Thos Philipse for the like services from the 22 February to the 1st April 1.778 the sum of £25. 9|. 0

That there be paid to John Drake for his time & expenses in attending the Council of Safety as a light Horseman, from the 2d March to the 1st April 1.778 £16. 11. 9

And that there be paid to Benjamin Smith for the use of John Stevens for the like services the sum of £8. 0. 4.

Agreed that there paid to Capt Leek for his expenses for bringing Captn McCollam his mate & men who were taken by John Brooks Commander of the Sloop "Scorpion" of New England, from Egg Harbour before the Council of Safety at Trenton the sum of £25. 2|. 0

Agreed that Mr Parker have leave for a fortnight to go to New York to negotiate the Exchange of Mr Fell & to return to Morristown at the end of that time.

April 2. 1.778

The Council met at Trenton.

Present
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Condit Mr Elmer
Mr Camp Mr Manning
Mr Buck.

Agreed that there be advanced to Mr Tallman the sum of £3. 0. 0 being money paid by him to an Express for riding to Haddonfield with a letter to Col Shreive from Genl Washington.

Ordered that Mr Condict pay to Wm Seaman for riding Express for the Council of Safety & attending them as light Horseman, from the 2nd March to the 1st April the sum of £18. 18. 9

Agreed that the remaining quantity of Powder in the hands of Col Sullivan be removed to Princeton.

April 4th 1.778

Present
Mr Vice President
Mr Condit Mr Elmer
Mr Crane Mr Cooper
Col Fleming

Saml

Saml Hewling appeared before the Board & gave recognizance for his appearance at the next Supreme Court in Burlington;

Jacob Mouse entered into Bond with Saml Hewling his surety in £300 Each for his appearance at the same Court at the same time.

Agreed That the prisoners under Guard at this place be removed from thence to Princeton under the care of Captn Quigly.

Ordered That a Warrant be issued to James Ledden, to take Marmaduke Abbot & bring him before the Council of Safety on Monday next at Princeton.

Peter Vreeland appeared before the Board, & gave recognizance with Ricd Ryerson his surety in £300 Each, to appear at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer for Bergen County.

Agreed that there be paid to Captn Ward for bringing the above-named Vreeland before the Council of Safety the sum of £6. 0. 0.

April 6th 1.778

The Council met at Princeton,

Present
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Crane, Mr Buck
Mr Linn, Mr Camp
Mr Condict

Agreed that John McArthur have leave to go into the City of Philadelphia on his way to Ireland.

Agreed that Wm McCollam Capt of the "Carolina" Paquet, Hugh Smith his Mate, & Wm Oliver, Extopher Collan, Wm Price & John Marton, Sailors on board the Same—Daniel Murray, Blakey Hurltey, Michael Main, Jas Besley, Joseph Dain, Asher Horner, John Shever, Jacob Miller, Israel Mills, Martin, Captn Sloan of the Brig "John," Capt Malony of an Armed Schooner be sent under Guard to Head Quarters and delivered up to Genl Washington.

April 7th 1.778

The Council met at Princeton.

Present,
His Excellency the Governor,
Mr Cooper, Mr Elmer
Mr Tallman, Mr Tallman
Mr Crane, Mr Manning

Agreed

Agreed that there be paid to Cap^{tn} Christopher Marsh, for the use of the following Persons, in his troop of light horse, for their several services in riding Express for Gen^{l} Dickenson, from the 26th October to the 25th November, the several sums annexed to their respective names, vizt:

1.777		£.	S.	D.
Oct^{r} 26th	For Joseph Martin for his expenses in riding express 7 days, from Gen^{l} Dickenson, to the Counties of Morris Somerset & Sussex, ...	5.	5.	0
" 30	For expenses in riding express from Gen^{l} Dickenson to Gen^{l} Washington 5 days	3.	15.	0
" 31st	For Tho^{s} Eaton's Expenses in riding 3 days from Gen^{l} Dickenson to Freehold	2.	5.	0
	For Ashabel Freeman for his expenses 3 days in the like service from Gen^{l} Dickenson to Gen^{l} Heard & Co^{ls} Frelinghuysen & Dunn	1.	10.	0
Nov^{r} 17.	For Nathaniel Crane for his Expenses 2 days from Gen^{l} Dickenson to Hibernia	1.	10.	0
23.	For Elihu Pearson for his Expenses in the same service 2½ days from Gen^{l} Dickenson to Flemingtown . .	1.	17.	6
25.	For W^{m} Ramsden's expresses 2 days in riding Express from Gen^{l} Dickenson to Co^{l} Frelinghuysen	1.	10.	0
		£17.	12.	6

Agreed that there be paid to Nehemiah Dunham Esq^{r} for the use of Peter Barker, George Lupick, & Joseph McCafferty Carrying prisoners from Pittstown to Morristown 6 days at 15|^{s} p day; also 3|^{s} over to the said Barker as Sergeant . £13. 13. [illegible].

Agreed that the following Persons be sent to Head Quarters under Guard & delivered to Gen^{l} Washington, vizt:

Ja^{s} Hudson & Ja^{s} Brinly	prisoners of War of British Infantry taken at Brandywine
Robert Cannon, George Parker, John Bane, Ja^{s} Peacock, Ja^{s} Cook,	British Seamen belonging to the transport "Lord Howe" Cap^{t} Francis.

Jo^{s}

Jos Hissock,	belonging to the brig "Lord Howe" Captn Sloan,
Frs Warrington,	of the "Baltic Merchant" Captn Geo. Masters.
Samuel Weekly Wm Wilson	belonging to the Merchantman brig "Nancy" Capt Dexter.
Timothy Hay,	Marriner on board the "Carolina" packet, Captn McCollam.
Edward Stewart,	belonging to York, suspected for being a Spy, travelled from Philadelphia to Jersey with Merchandize.
Abraham Williams,	belonging to Philadelphia, who came into Jersey to purchase provisions with intent to carry them into the Enemy's lines.
John Martin,	taken up by Captn Parker for deserting from the light Horse.
John Williamson,	taken up for travelling without a Pass, suspected of having deserted from Genl Burgoyne's Army of Prisoners, to make his way into Philadelphia.

Agreed that William Heuling, Thos Jones, Wm Rawson, Saml Cousens, Jacob Shoulder, & Isaac Zane, for carrying provisions into Philadelphia & returning into this State, be committed to Morristown Gaol for their trial, & that Warrants of Commitment do thereupon issue.

Agreed that John King enter into recognizance with William Nutt his surety for his appearance at the next Supreme Court in Burlington.

April 8th 1778

The Council met at Princeton.

Present,
His Excellency the Governor,
Mr Camp Mr Crane
Mr Cooper Mr Condict
Mr Elmer

Agreed that there be paid on account to Josiah Burnet an Ensign in the 8th Company of the 1st Regiment of Morris Co Militia, who was wounded on the 15th day of Septr last at 2nd River, for his present relief the sum of $60.00, and that Dr Peter Smith deliver an account of the particulars of his bill for administering Medicines to the Said Burnet.

Agreed that Benjamin Spinning, John Spinning, & Nathaniel Bond, three prisoners in New Ark Gaol charged with going into the Enemy's lines, without passports, be brought before the Council of Safety.

Agreed that Gerrit Demarest, Gerrit Van Gieson, John Paulis, John Van Boskirk, & Abm Van Gieson, have leave to go to their respective homes for the Space of Six weeks from this time.

9th April 1.778

The Council met at Princeton

Present
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Tallman
Mr Speaker
Mr Elmer
Mr Buck
Mr Crane

Agreed that Wm Alger, Sent before the Board by Justice Loyd for going into & returning from the Enemy's lines, be committed to Essex Gaol & that a Warrant of Commitment be made out for that purpose.

Upon the Petition of Duncan McCall setting forth that he was a deserter from the British Army and had been called upon to Serve in the Militia of this State & had been fined for non-attendance, craving an exemption from service. The Council advised his Excellency to direct the Officers to excuse him from Military Duty.

Agreed That there be paid to Mr Buck for the use of Benoni Dare, for riding express for Genl Newcomb, with orders to several Cols 4 days at $\$3^{\underline{00}}$ p day

Agreed that Samuel Minor be Summoned to attend the Council of Safety.

10th April 1.778

The Council met at Princeton,

Present.
His Excellency the Governor,
Mr Buck
Mr Camp
Col Drake
Mr Crane
Mr Elmer
Mr Tallman
Mr Hoopes
Col Cook

Samuel

Samuel Minor was brought before the Board & it appearing that he had Endeavoured, by conversation, to discourage persons Engaged in the American Cause;—Agreed that he find Security for his appearance at the next Court of Gen^{l} Q^{r} Sessions, of the Peace for the County of Middlesex, which, having accordingly given with John Davis his Surety in £300 Each, & was thereupon dismissed.

Ruelof Jacobus, Nicholas Jones, John Schamerhorn, Samuel Berry & David Brown, being brought before the Board, and the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance being tendered to them, they Severally took and subscribed the same & was thereupon discharged.

Thos^{s} Jones appeared before the Board & having entered into recognizance with Nicholas Jones his Surety in £300 Each for his appearance at the next Court of Gen^{l} Q^{r} Sessions of the peace, for the C^{o} of Bergen, was thereupon dismissed.

Agreed that Cap^{tn} John Mead be allowed the sum of £5. 0. 0 for bringing the above-named persons from Bergen C^{o} before the Council of Safety.

Agreed that John Dennis Esq^{r} be summoned to appear before the Council of Safety at this State,

11th April 1.778

The Council met at Princeton

Present
His Excellency the Governor

M^{r} Crane	M^{r} Manning
M^{r} Camp	M^{r} Buck

Co^{l} Drake,

Agreed that Jacob Weiser be summoned to attend this Board forthwith.

Agreed that John Richmond suspected of being a dangerous person, enter into bond with security, to remain within one mile of New Germantown in Hunterdon County, until the further order of the Council of Safety respecting him, which having done, with Jacob Hyer, his surety, in £300 Each, was thereupon discharged.

13th April 1.778

The Council met at Princeton

Present
His Excellency the Governor

M^{r} Camp	M^{r} Elmer
Co^{l} Cook	M^{r} Buck
M^{r} Manning.	M^{r} Fenemore

Agreed that Henry Bogert & Jacob Lessheir who were taken with provisions intended for the Enemy be committed to Essex Gaol, for their tryal, & that Elias Romyn enter into recognizance to appear against them at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer in Essex County.

Agreed that Elias Romyn for his time & expenses in bringing the above persons from Bergen County & as an allowance for returning home be paid the sum of £3. 18. 6. & that Codenis Hoaglandt for assisting in the same service, be allowed the sum of £3. 0. 0.

Agreed that John Barnhill, John Barcalow, & Okey Voorhise, Employed at the Ferry of John Sherard on the Delaware, together with the said Sherard himself be exempted from doing duty, in the Militia, until the further orders of the Council of Safety—

14th April 1.778

The Council met at Princeton

Present
His Excellency the Governor—
Mr Manning
Mr Camp
Col Cook
Mr Tallman
Mr Buck
Col Drake

Benjamin Spinning, John Spinning & Nathaniel Bond, agreeable to their petition were brought before the Board; The Council having heard their Several examinations read, Agreed that they be returned to Essex Gaol, for Tryal, & that they defray the expenses of the Guard in bringing them here, & also their charges in returning them back—Settled at £10. 0. 6.

15 April 1.778

The Council met,

Present
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Buck
Mr Fenemore
Mr Camp,
Col Drake
Col Cook
Mr Tallman

Agreed that there be paid to Thos Fenemore Esqr for the use of Saml Fenemore the sum of £7. 15|. for riding Express by order of Col Ellis, to the following places from the 2nd March 1.778 vizt—To Bordentown— To Burlington. To Salem. Trenton, Burlington, Long a coming, & Linneminein;—

18 April

18 April 1.778

The Council met at Princeton,

Present—
His Excellency the Governor.

Co^l^ Drake	M^r^ Condict
M^r^ Fenemore	M^r^ Tallman
M^r^ Speaker	Col. Cook.

Agreed that there be paid to Hannah Gaffin (or to her order) the widow of John Gaffin a soldier in Capt Polhemus's Company, of the the 1st New Jersey Regt, who died at Crown Point the 3rd July 1.777 the sum of $30.00.

Agreed that Wm Hewling Jacob Fitzrandolph & Wm Pace be tried at the Court now sitting at New Ark in the County of Essex.

Agreed that the following persons, vizt, Henry Bogart, Jacob Soyier, Rynere Blanchard, David Rattan, Simeon Van Ripen, Joseph Berry, Benjamin Zobriski, Nancy Arnold, Evert Rickman, Stephanus Torhune, Stephen Berry, James Furlough, Elias Romine, Matthew Reach, Austern Wright, Jas Wells, John Dey, Jacob Morris, Thos Jones, Wm Rawson, Samuel Cousins, Jacob Shoulder, & Isaac Zane, be tried at the County of Essex, altho' the crimes they stand charged with, were done or committed in any other County.

19th April 1778

The Council met,

Present

Mr Speaker	Col Cook
Mr Tallman	Col Drake
Mr Manning	Mr Elmer

Agreed That the Council of Safety meet next Tuesday at Morristown.

29th April 1.778

The Council met at Morristown.

Present
His Excellency the Governor

Mr Smith	Mr Condict
Col Cook	Col Drake,

Agreed

Agreed that Mr Condict pay to Cornelius Stoothoff for his attending the Governor & Council of Safety as a light horseman, from the 13th to the 24th April the sum of £6. 5. 9.

That there be paid to Wm Vanduyn for the same services from the 13th to the 29th April, the sum of £10. 16. 2

That there be paid to John Demont for the like services for the same time as above the sum of £12. 8. 9

And that there be paid to Fredk. Ten Eyck for attending the Govr & Council of Safety as above from the 13th to the 29th April, the sum of £11. 8. 2.

Isaac Conklin appeared before the Board, & having taken & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance as by Law directed, & was thereupon discharged.

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning 9 O'clock.

30th April 1.778

The Council met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present,
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Condict Col Cook
Mr Smith Col Drake
Mr Crane

Agreed that Mr Condict pay to Stephen Drake a soldier in Josiah Hall's Company for the loss of his pay and rations from the 1st April to the 15th May, in Consequence of a Wound he received in the 3 months' service the sum of £5. 12. 6.

That there be paid to Edward Tibit upon the same Account as above the sum of £5. 12. 6, and 12|. over being money advanced by him to the Doctor.

That there be paid to Peter Hill for the same reason the same sum.

And that there be paid to Elias Bedford a Corporal in the same Company for his pay & rations during 3 months, in consequence of a Wound he received at the time above mentioned the sum of £8. 5| and also 96| over being the amount of monies paid by him to the doctor—

Agreed that there be paid to James Burnet for the use of Josiah Burnet an Ensign of the 8th Company in the 1st Regiment the sum of £60. 18. 1. being the amount of monies expended by him towards the Cure of a wound he received on the 15 Sept 1.777

Agreed

Agreed that Mrs Esther Troup the wife of John Troup, together with her child have leave to pass to her husband in the Enemy's lines, upon condition that she do not return into this State during the present war, and that she take with her, her own & her child's wearing Apparel—

Agreed that His Excellency draw upon the Treasurer for £1.000 for the use of the Council of Safety—

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning 9 O'clock.

1st May 1.778

Met pursuant to adj't

Present
His Excellency the Governor—
Mr Condict Col Cook
Mr Smith Col Drake
Mr Crane

Agreed that John Faulkinier be discharged from the parole, which he gave to the Council of Safety on January last.

Agreed that Geradus Duyckinck for Certain Goods sold to Joseph Lindly, upon his own confession, incur the following fines & forfeitures, vizt

For selling 4 yds Silk peeling c $16 p yd without certificate—forfeiture of same £24. 0. 0 fine £6. 0. 0	£30.	0.	0
For selling —do— at higher price than limited by Law, the same forfeiture & the same fine	30.	0.	0
For selling 3lb of Red wool c 2|6 p lb without Certificate—Forfeiture of same 7|6. Fine £6. 0. 0	6.	7.	6
Selling —do— above the legal price, the same forfeiture & the same fine	6.	7.	6
	£72.	15.	0
Costs allowed to the Complainant to be deducted from the above	3.	7.	6
	£69.	7.	6

Agreed that Mr Condict pay to Stephen Crane Esqr for the use of Michael Magee, a private in Captn Marsh's troop of light

light horse, who was wounded in an Engagement at Eliz: Town, on the 12th September 1.777, the folloiwing Sums expended by him towards the Cure of his wound, vizt:

To the amount of Dr Wynant's a|c after deduction	£26. 6. 4
To Doctor Dayton's a|ct	3. 0. 0
To John Magee's attendance as nurse . .	10. 0. 0
	£39. 6. 4

2nd May 1.778

The Council met at Morristown

Present, as before.

Agreed that Captn Smith be summoned to attend the Council of Safety at Morristown, for charging more for provisions, Lodgings &c than the rates affixed by law;—

Upon the petition of Abraham Ogden Esqr for a passport for Mrs Hoffman to go into the City of New York,

Agreed that the Prayer of the said petition cannot be granted until Mrs Hoffman has answered certain interrogations on behalf of the State, concerning a £1.000 said to have been carried by her into the Enemy's lines; which sum had been forfeited to the State, for which purpose Mrs Hoffman is to attend the Board.

Agreed that there be advanced to Capt Thos Combs, on account, the sum of $60.00 in part payment of money advanced by him to several Doctors towards the Cure of a wound he received in the service.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock Monday afternoon.

4th May 1.778

Met pursuant to Adjt.

Present as before,

A letter from Captn Stryker desiring that the light horse may be exempted from being drafted with the foot, was read & answered—

Petition from Hendrick Bennett read & answered,

Agreed That Samuel Smith for selling provisions &c at a higher price than regulated by Law, be fined in the following sums, & incur the following forfeitures. Viz

For

For one supper charged at	5|.	fine £6. 0. 0	6. 5. 0
Forfeiture 5|.			
For one night's lodging	2|6.	fine 6. 0. 0	6. 2. 6
Forfeiture 2|6.			
½ Gill Bitters	2|6.	fine 6. 0. 0	6. 2. 6
Forfeiture 2|6.			
Horse hay one night	5|.	fine 6. 0. 0	6. 5. 0
Forfeiture 5|.			
4 qts Oats	2|6.	fine 6. 0. 0	6. 2. 6
Forfeiture 2|6.			
1 Breakfast	5|.	fine 6. 0. 0	6. 5. 0
Forfeiture 5|.			
			£37. 2. 6

Agreed that the £1.000 received this day from the Treasury for the use of the Council of Safety be delivered into the hands of Mr Condict.

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning

5th May 1.778

Met pursuant to adjournment

Present as before

Agreed that the horses purchased by Captn Townshend pursuant to a resolution of both houses of the Legislature for the continental service & rejected by Major Clough & Captn Harrison, be submitted to the judgment of Messrs Wilson & Daniel Hunt, to determine whether they are fit for the said Service or not. That if they think they come within the description of the Committee of Congress, & the directions given to Captn Townshend for purchasing them, they be detained until the opinion of the Legislature shall be known concerning them, except the Stallions which are to be disposed of at the risk of the purchaser.

Agreed that the following persons be subpoena'd, to attend the Council of Safety this afternoon, to give evidence in behalf of the United States, relative to the conduct of Gifford Dally in the Dept of Qr Master in this place, viz—Malcolm McCurry, Joseph Lewis, Robert Tont, John Pumeroy, Jerod Dey, Elias Van Court, & Benj Lindley.

Adjourned till 3 O'clock P.M.

Met pursuant to adjt

John Pumeroy, pursuant to subpoena, appeared before the Board & having been sworn relative to Mr Dalley's conduct, and

and his deposition reduced to writing, was thereupon dismissed.

John Dey was in like manner examined, qualified and discharged—

Elias Van Court, having given his testimony relating to the above matter, was in like manner dismissed.

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning 8 O'clock.

6th May 1.778

Met pursuant to Adjt.

Present as before.

Mr Dally being called in respecting the Matters sworn against him yesterday, made his defence thereupon & was dismissed for the present—

Frederick King appeared before the Board & having given his Evidence, relating to the conduct of Mr Dally & was dismissed.

David Burnet was in like manner sworn, his deposition reduced to writing & dismissed.

David Quigg having delivered himself up to his Excellency the Governor and the Council of Safety, pursuant to a parole given for that purpose, to Thos Wharton Esqr President of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, & soliciting a pass to go into the City of New York, had the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance tendered to him, on his refusing to take the Same Agreed that he give security for his appearance at Court or be commited to Gaol.

Isaac Lyon was called in respecting Mr Dally, his examination reduced to writing & was dismissed—

Solomon Browne was sworn relative to Mr Dally's conduct, his deposition taken down & was thereupon dismissed.

Adjourned till 3 O'clock P. M.

Met pursuant to adjt.

Agreed that there be paid to Stephen Ogden the sum of £8. 7. 6 being the amount of Dr Jones' account as taxed by the Council, & paid by the said Ogden towards the cure of a wound, he received in the service.

That there be paid to Capt John Lindley the sum of £7. 10. 6 for the amount of what he paid to Dr. Jones for the Cure of a wound his son John received in the service.

Agreed That Mathias Williamson Esqr be summoned to attend the Council of Safety at this place on Friday next, in order that the Oaths to Government may be tendered to him.

Agreed

Agreed that Peter Brunner be appointed Commissioner for disposing of Tory property in the C^{o} of Hunterdon in the room of Azariah Dunham Esq^{r}, who has resigned, and that a Commission be made out for that purpose—

That W^{m} Bond be appointed for the same purpose as above in the room of John Barber, deceased, for the C^{o} of Essex.

And that Nathaniel Hunt be commissioned in the place of resigned—

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning 8 O'clock.

7th May 1.778

Met pursuant to adj^{t}.

Present as before

Agreed that Cap^{t} Kennedy on giving Parole to the Governor & Council for his Good behaviour be released from his confinement at this place, & suffered to return to his farm on New Barbadoes Neck— Cap^{tn} Kennedy was called in, subscribed his parole, & discharged.

Agreed that John Sweeny Accused of harbouring Tories, & assisting them in going to the Enemy, give security for his appearance at Court.

The same agreement with respect to John Lafferty, for the same offence;—

Cap^{tn} Stoddard pursuant to a Citation appeared before the Board, on a complaint exhibited against him, by John Hunt respecting a quantity of Hay purchased by him from the said Hunt. Cap^{t} Stoddard having produced the proofs respecting the above transaction; The Board were of opinion that the said Complaint was not supported & that Cap^{tn} Stoddard had acted in the said affair agreeable to the rules of honour & with great attention to the Public Interest.

Agreed that Col Christ^{n} Banker be summoned to attend this Board on Saturday next.

Caleb Ball was called in, & sworn to Sundry Matters with respect to the Quarter Master & Commissary Department at Succasunny, his deposition reduced to writing & he thereupon dismissed.

Agreed that Gerrit Van Geison & Abraham Van Geison have permission to go to New York to procure an Exchange for themselves & Gerrit Demarest, John Paulis & John Van Boskirk by negotiating the releasement of Tho^{s} Bantha, Bernardus Verbyrck, Samuel Verbryck, John Hays & David Van Burson, who are now confined in New York,—That if they fail in this, they return to Morristown on the first of June next, agreable to an order of the Board of the 8th April last.

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The Council were of opinion on considering the several proofs exhibited against M^r^ Dally, that he should be removed from the office of Deputy Quarter Master & that his place be filled by a new appointment.

Tho^s^ O'Riley, Ebenezer Adams, Barny Cain & John Williams, were sent for, before the Board, their several examinations being taken, they were remanded to Prison.

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning 9 O'clock.

8th May 1.778

Met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before.

Agreed that William Ridley, Cap^t^ of a Transport, George Strawbridge, Henry Ozenburg, & John Williams, Mariners, be detained in this place until the Commissary of Prisoners be notified Concerning them.

Ordered, That in case Henry O'Harry, Simon Sarch, Geo Bright, Tho^s^ O'Riley, Ebenezer Adams & Barny Cain, are or shall be charged with, or committed for any of the crimes or offences specified in the 1st, 2nd or 3rd Sections of a Certain Act, Entitled "An Act to punish Traitors & disaffected persons," or are or shall be charged with or committed for Misprision of Treason, or for any crime or offence specified in the 8th or 9th sections of "An Act for constituting a Council of Safety," or shall be charged with, or is committed for any of the Crimes or offences specified in the 2nd section of An Act entitled "An Act to render Certain Bills of Credit a lawful Tender in this State & to prevent the counterfeiting of the same & other Bills of Credit"—or so many of them as have been so charged or committed, shall be tried for the Same in the County of Burlington, altho' the offence they be charged with, or were or shall be committed for, were done or perpetrated in any other County.

Ordered that William Turner an Inhabitant of Pennsylvania, who was appointed a lieutenant in a Company of Greens by Gen^l^ Howe, be sent to Head Quarters to be at the disposal of Gen^l^ Washington.

Agreed That on John Francisco's finding security for his appearance at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer to be held in and for the County of Bergen, he be discharged from his confinement.

That Daniel Bragly, for Selling 20^lb^ of Veal to Samuel Kirkpatrick, for 22|6 be fined in the sum of £6. 0. 0 & forfeit the price, he sold the veal at.

Agreed That W^m^ Smith who has made his escape from the Enemy & delivered himself up to the Council of Safety, be discharged

discharged from his imprisonment on his finding security for his appearance at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer for the County of Bergen—

Gen^{l} Williamson pursuant to summons appeared before the Board & on the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance, being tendered to him, took & subscribed the same, & was thereupon dismissed—

Agreed that the following persons, viz Ja^{s} Appleby Sen^{r}, James Appleby J^{r}, Ja^{s} Corby & John Burns, upon their respective Petitions for a hearing be sent for before the Board, to hear & determine Concerning their several crimes.

James Appleby Sen^{r} & Ja^{s} Appleby Jun^{r} appeared before the Board,

Agreed that if they find security for their appearance at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer for the County of Bergen, they be discharged from their imprisonment—

Ja^{s} Carby appeared before the Board, and it appearing that he had been taken up as a suspicious person, & there being no suspicious proof to detain him,

Agreed That he be discharged from his imprisonment.

John Burns was brought before the Board & it appearing that his case would not admit of bail, Agreed that he be remanded to Prison.

Agreed that in the Commissary Department in this place, Nathan Howel be dismissed as a supernumerary officer.

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning.

9th May 1.778

Met pursuant to adj^{t}

Present as before with Co^{l} Fleming.

John Sweeny appeared before the Board, & having entered into recognizance with James Buggs, his surety, in £300 Each, for his appearance at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer for the C^{o} of Bergen, was thereupon discharged.

Agreed that Benjamin Lindsly Esq^{r} be appointed Deputy Quarter Master, in this place, in the room of Gifford Dally removed from the said office.

Agreed that M^{r} Condict pay to W^{m} Livingston Jun^{r} for his attendance on the Council of Safety as their Secretary at Princeton, Trenton & Morristown 48 days at 30/. per day the sum of £72. 0. 0

Agreed that   Wood supposed to be a deserter & apprehended on his way to the Enemy be sent to Head Quarters to General Washington.

Adjourned till 3 O'clock P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Present as before.

Agreed that there be paid to Samuel Vance for his expenses in attending the Council of Safety as a light horseman, at Morristown the sum of £1. 19. 11.

That there be paid to W^m Wick for attending the Council in the Same capacity at the Same place the sum of £5. 2. 4.

That there be paid to Benj^l Freeman for attending the Council of Safety as a light horseman, at the above place, the sum of £3. 6. 1

That there be paid to Cap^t Simmons for the like services at Morristown the sum of £12. 0. 9

And that there be paid to Moses Wick for his expenses at Morristown, in serving the Council of Safety as a light horseman the sum of £'2. 0. 11.

Agreed That Daniel Bragly be Committed to Gaol until he pays the fine & forfeiture adjudged against him on yesterday.

William Templeton appeared before the Board & having entered into recognizance with Walter Anderson his security in £'300 Each for his appearance at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer & in Morristown & was thereupon discharged.

Ordered that Catherine Shepard whose husband is within the Enemy's lines be sent to him & that Major Hays, or the Magistrates in Newark put that order into execution.

Christopher Banker appeared before the Board & having been examined with respect to the Forage Master's department, at Succassuny, was thereupon dismissed ;—

Agreed that Co^l Drake be paid the sum of 30|. for the paper furnished by him for the Council of Safety.

That Cap^tn Arnold be allowed 40|. for the use of his room for the Council of Safety.

Adjourned to meet at Princeton on the 20^th May.

20^th May 1.778

The Council of Safety met at Princeton.

There not being a sufficient number of members to proceed to business, adjourned till tomorrow morning.

21^st May 1.778

Met pursuant to Adj^t

Present

His Excellency the Governor
M^r Houston M^r Imlay
M^r Camp M^r Hart,
M^r Cooper

Agreed

Agreed that Captn Williamson Conduct the quota of Col Neilson's Battalion, who have chosen to enter into Captn Voorhis' Company, in Col Ogden's Battalion, to the said Battalion now in the neighborhood of Haddonfield, & get the commanding officer of the Battalion to Certify the receipt of them upon the descriptive list of their entering into the Service, which list & certificate is with all convenient speed to be transmitted to the Governor.

Agreed that William Mariner have permission to call upon Mr Mercereau or Capt Morgan, for a number of Volunteers & to proceed to Flatbush to bring off Mr Bache, Mr Matthews, Major Moncrieff & as many others as he may think proper.

Gerret Van Geison & Abraham Van Geison appeared before the Board & produced a certificate from Major Genl Jones, that they had applied for themselves & Gerrit Demarest, John Paulis & John Van Buskirk, to be exchanged for themselves & Thos Bantha, Bernardus Ver Bryck, Samuel Ver Bryck, John Hays & David Burson, but that the same could not be Effected.

Whereupon Agreed that the said Gerrit Van Geison, Abraham Van Geison, Gerrit Demarest, John Paulis, & John Van Buskirk be permitted to stay at their respective places of abode until the Council of Safety shall order otherwise concerning them.

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning.

22nd May 1.778

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Present as before with

Mr Mehelm

Pursuant to an Act of Assembly Entitled "An Act to provide for the Cloathing of the New Jersey Regiments in the Service of the United States" directing the Commissioners for purchasing of Cloathing to observe the directions of the Council of Safety during the recess of the Legislature, as to the species & quantity of the Articles to be purchased, & the manner in which the cloathing is to be disposed of, & distributed.

Agreed that the follg Directions be given to Major Kelsey, the Commissioner for that purpose—viz.

1°. That as it appears from accounts from the Camp that our regiments are more destitute of Shirts than of any other article of Cloathing, he be directed to be particularly attentive to the purchasing of Linen suitable for that purpose, and in case a sufficient quantity cannot be procured, to buy Flax to be manufactured into Linen, in this State, but as the precise quantity cannot be ascertained, Major Kelsey be informed that it is conjectured that our Brigade will Consist of 1.800 men

2. That

2. That he be directed so to proportion the Linen & Woollen to be purchased, (The latter to be of the coarser sort) as to procure a suitable quantity of Each.

3. That he be directed to buy a sufficient Quantity of home spun Thread, to make up that part of the Cloathing which he cannot purchase ready made.

4. The two houses of the Legislature having entered into a resolve that the Commissioner for purchasing Cloathing, shall also purchase a quantity of lead, for ammunition, tho' the same was omitted to be inserted in the Bill, Agreed that Mr Kelsey be further directed to purchase one Ton of Lead—

Christopher Curtis, who went over to the Enemy before the treason Law, was passed, appeared before the Board and having taken & subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance, was thereupon dismissed—

Upon the representation of Several of the Inhabitants of the Co of Sussex relative to an expected invasion by the Indians,

Agreed that Genl Winds be directed not to call any men from Col Rosecrans Regiment in that County during the next six Weeks.

Adjd till 3 o'clock P. M.

Met pursuant to Adjt

Present as before.

Agreed that Mr Condict pay to the three light horsemen following, for attending the Governor from the 9th & 22nd of May as p. their Accounts, to wit:

To Ebenezer Gregory the sum of	£10. 18.
To Joseph Breton ——"——	9. 8. 9
To Jonn Stiles Junr ——"——	9. 13. 9

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning.

Princeton,
23 May 1.778

Met pursuant to adjt.

Present.
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Mehelm Mr Hart
Mr Houston Mr Cooper

There not being a sufficient number of members to proceed with business, adjourned till Monday Morning next.

24th May

24th May 1.778

There not being yet a sufficient number to proceed upon business, adjourned till tomorrow morning.

25th

Met pursuant to adjt.

Present
His Excellency the Governor
Col Fleming Mr Houston
Mr Mehelm Mr Cooper

There yet being one member wanted to make a Quorum, adjourned till tomorrow Morning

26th May 1.778

Met at Princeton pursuant to adjournment.

Present
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Speaker Mr Houston
Mr Cooper Mr Mehelm
Col Fleming

Abel Thomas & James Thomas, Inhabitants of Pennsylvania, being sent under Guard to this Board, by two Magistrates of New Ark for having been into the enemy's lines, in the City of New York, & Long Island without Passports, & suspected of designs injurious to the liberties of America,

The Board upon hearing their defence were satisfied of their innocence & have reason to believe that their Journey to the several places which they have visited, was undertaken on a religious account, & agreable to their declared intention to the meeting held at Maiden Creek the 25th day of March 1.778 of performing a religious visit to the meetings of Friends in part of the Jerseys & part of the New York Governments; The Board therefore discharged the said Abel & James Thomas from their confinement, & they being further desirous to visit the meetings of their Friends at Plainfield, Raway, Shrewsbury, Squan, Squan-Kung, Barnagat, Great & little Egg Harbour, and at the Capes; and this Government being unwilling to obstruct any Society in the exercise of their religion, the said Abel & James Thomas were permitted to pass to the nine places last mentioned, & then to the State of Pennsylvania.

Agreed that Joseph Roberds & David Lyon be paid the sum of £9. 0 0 for their expenses in bringing the persons above named before the Council of Safety from 2nd River.

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning.

27th May 1.778

Met at Princeton pursuant to adjournment.

Present,
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Speaker Mr Cooper
Mr Houston Mr Mehelm
Col Fleming

Agreed that Edward Taylor be discharged from the Bond he gave to the Council of Safety, sometime in the beginning of December last, & have leave to return home for 3 weeks upon entering into another Bond, to return within that time to this town & remain here until the further order of the Council of Safety, unless he shall in the meantime procure the releasement of John Willett now a prisoner in New York.

Adjourned till tomorrow morning.

28th May 1.778

Met at Princeton pursuant to adjt

Present
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Cooper Mr Imlay
Mr Buck Mr Keasby
Col Fleming

Agreed that Major Perkins be directed to send all the prisoners now in the Gaol at Burlington, for any crimes or offences to the Governor & Council of Safety at this place,

Agreed that Mr Condict pay to Col Bowes Reed, for the money expended by him for the guarding a number of prisoners at Burlington Jail, and also for the expenses in having them conducted to the Council of Safety, at Trenton, on the 27 March 1.778, the sum of £49. 5|. as per account.

Agreed that there be pd to Edward Keasby Esqr for the use of Abm Richmond for riding express, from the 1st March from Piles Grove to Trenton, & returning back, three days at 30|. p. day the sum of £4. 10|.

That for the use of Joseph Dickenson for riding express 4 days by order of Col Hand, from the 26 February 1.778 the sum of £'6. 0. 0

The further sum of £6. 0. 0 for the use of David Moores, for the like services the same number of days.

And

And for the use of Daniel Holts, for 4 days riding express by order of Col Hand, the like sum of £'6. 0. 0

Agreed that there be paid to Mr Buck, for the use of Webster Newcomb for his riding express from the 22 Octr to the 11 November by order of Genl Newcomb, the sum of £'22. 10

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning.

29 May 1.778

Met at Princeton, pursuant to adjt

Present,
His Excellency the Governor,
Col Fleming
Mr Buck
Mr Cooper
Mr Manning
Col Cook
Mr Condict
Mr Elmer
Mr Imlay.

Agreed that John Longstreet one of the Justices of the Peace in Monmouth County, be instructed to tender the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance to this State to the following persons, viz: John Taylor Esqr, Joseph Vanmeter, George Taylor Junr, Thos Thompson, William Lawrence, Josiah Parker, Robert Hartshorne & Ezeck Hartshorne, and that if they refuse to take the same to send them forthwith to the Council of Safety at this place without tendering the same to them a second time.

Agreed that Col Holmes send the following women to their husbands, in the enemy's lines, viz Mrs McClease the wife of Cornelius McClease, Mrs Tilton the wife of John Tilton, Mrs Tilton the wife of Ezekiel Tilton, & Rhody Pew the wife of James Pew.

Agreed that there be paid to Theophilus Elmer Esqr for the use of Lawrence Johnston, for the use of his horse & his extraordinary expenses in riding express for Col Ellis the sum of £6. 11. 3.

And that there be paid to Peter Parcel for attending the Governour as a light horseman, the sum of £5. 6. 3.

Adjourned till tomorrow morning.

30 May 1.778

Met at Princeton, pursuant to adjournment.

Present,
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Cooper
Mr Keasby
Col Fleming
Mr Camp
Mr Buck
Mr Manning
Mr Houston.

The

The Council considered the cases of the several prisoners of War & State prisoners, sent from Fostertown, & not being able to determine where to confine them, they adjd till tomorrow morning.

31st May 1.778

Met at Princeton pursuant to adjt

Present.
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Keasby Mr Manning
Mr Buck Mr Condit
Col Fleming Mr Camp
Mr Houston.

Agreed that
John Morgan, Gillis Mc Gillis, Jacob Vago
Robert Compton, James Hamilton, George Watson
Robert Hair, Thos York, Jas Downey,
Thos Egleson, Thos Ewel, John Peel,
Thos House, Thos Brooks, John McGahon
Hugh Queen, John Sproul, Jas McClanagan,
Jos Mansfield, John Gevils, John Serterthand,
John Gilbert, Thos Johnston, Richd Clark,
Cornelius Barn, Wm Kaign, John Binley,
George Mattox, & John Bougee, be sent under Guard to Head Quarters and then the Council adjourned till the afternoon.

P. M. Met pursuant to adjt

Present,
His Excellency the Governor,
Mr Houston Mr Camp
Mr Cooper Mr Manning
Mr Buck Mr Keasby
Mr Condit,

Agreed that John Kemble be discharged & give security for his appearance at the next Court of Genl . Qr Sessions of the Peace to be held in Burlington Co

Agreed that John Clowden & James Livingston be discharged on entering on board a letter of Marque belonging to Mr Hodge.

Agreed that Thomas Canby fined & imprisoned at Burlington be committed to Morris Jail.

Adjourned till tomorrow morning.

1st June

1st June 1.778

Met at Princeton pursuant to adjt.

Present
His Excellency the Governor.
Mr Schenck — Mr Buck
Mr Crane — Mr Condict
Col Fleming

Agreed that there be paid to Mr Buck for the use of Jonn Beesly the sum of . . . . £18. 0. 0 for riding express by order of Col Ellis 12 days.

2nd June 1.778

The Council met.

Present
His Excellency the Governor
Col Fleming — Col Cook
Mr Elmer — Col Drake
Mr Imlay.

Upon the petition of a number of inhabitants of the Co of Monmouth, setting forth that a number of Persons who had been into the enemy's lines, and aiding & assisting to them. and who had plundered a number of the inhabitants when the enemy were last at Trenton, had returned to their respective homes & being bailed by the Justices & suffered to go at Large, praying that an enquiry might be made in the premises.

Agreed that Mr Holmes be directed to furnish the Board, as well with the names of those delinquents who have returned, as of the Magistrates who bailed them.

Adjd till tomorrow Morning.

3r June 1.778

Met pursuant to adjt.

Present
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Condit — Mr Schenk
Mr Keasby — Col Cook
Mr Imlay — Col Fleming.

Agreed

Agreed that there be paid to Peter Schenk Esq^{r} for the use of John Vancourt for boarding, attending & taking care of Gershom Vanderhule a Militia Soldier belonging to the first Regiment of Monmouth Militia, wounded at the battle of Germantown, the 4th October 1.777, from the 16th October to the 18th Nov^{r} 1.777, being 4 weeks & 5 days, at £'3. per week, the sum of £'14. 2. 10.

That for the use of Joel Beadle for boarding and attending the above Soldier from the 4 Decr 1.777 to the 6 Jany 1.778 being 4 weeks & 4 days c 20| pr week, the sum of £4. 11. 6.

And for the use of Henry Vanderlink for boarding, nursing & attending the same person from the 7th Jany 1.778 being 11 Weeks & 3 days, at 20| p^{r} Week, at which time he died, the sum of £11. 8. 7.

That there be paid for the use of Ann Taylor, for boarding & taking care of Joseph Taylor belonging to the Regiment above named, and wounded at the same time, from the 19th October to the 9th Decem. being 9 weeks c 2 dollars p week the sum of £6 15|.

And for the use of Elizabeth Mains for boarding, attending & taking care of Andrew Main, a militia Soldier belonging to the Regiment before named, wounded at the same time, from the 9th Oct. to the 9th April, at £'4. 0. 0. p^{r} month the sum of £'24. 0. 0.

Agreed that Colonel Oakey Hoagland, be directed to remove all the craft, except Ferry Boats, between Crosswicks and Burlington on the Jersey shore, to such places where they cannot be used to transport necessaries, to the enemy, & that such of them as cannot be conveniently removed, as aforesaid be sunk without loss of time.

Upon the Petition of several inhabitants of Sussex County setting forth that Joseph Hancock, Robert Johnston & Ezekiel Younglove, have sometime since left their families & joined the enemies of the United States, on Staten Island, & praying that their wives & Children may be removed to them; to prevent the correspondence which is kept up between them;

Agreed that Rachel Hancock, Abigail Johnston, & Sarah Younglove, be sent to their husbands in the Enemy's lines, & that their children who are under the age of 12 years, have leave to accompany them, & that Major Meeker be directed to see to the execution of the said order.

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning.

4th June 1.778

Met pursuant to Adj^{t}.

Present.
His Excellency the Governor.

M^{r} Speaker.	M^{r} Manning
M^{r} Buck.	M^{r} Condit
M^{r} Keasby.	M^{r} Imlay.

Agreed that there be paid to M^{r} Houston, for the use of Co^{l} Henry Vandike, for sundry Expenses, in erecting Beacons at or near his farm the sum of £'5. 10. 8.

That there be paid to John Hart Esq^{r} for the use of Nicholas Hoff, a private in Cap^{tn} Jacobus Quick's Company, of the 2nd Regiment of Somerset Militia, who had his thigh broke in the battle of Germantown, for the boarding, nursing, attendance and other necessary expenses, in consequence of his wound, during the space of 5 months & also for the amount of the D$^{r's}$ Bill, the sum of £'45. 12. 6.

Agreed that there be paid to Cap^{tn} Simmons for the use of W^{m} Wilson, for riding express by order of the Governor, from the 30th May to the 3rd June, the sum of £'3 11. 6.

Ordered that Ebenezer Foord be appointed Commissioner for disposing of Tory property in the room of Cap^{tn} Baker resigned in the C^{o} of Middlesex.

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning.

5th June 1.778

Met at Princeton pursuant to adj^{t}.

Present
His Excellency the Governor

M^{r} Cooper	M^{r} Imlay
M^{r} Keasby	M^{r} Buck

M^{r} Condict

The following prisoners to wit, John Kirby, Benj^{m} Allen, Urich West & Jesse Sirran, sent before the Board from Gloucester C^{o} for joining the enemy, & their several cases having been taken into consideration;—The Council came to the subsequent determination concerning them, viz: That they be

be committed to Freehold Jail for their trial, & that warrant do accordingly issue thereupon.

Ordered,

That in case the above-named John Kirby, Benj. Allen, Urich West & Jesse Sirran are or shall be charged with or committed for any of the Crimes or offences specified in the 1st 2nd or 3rd sections of a certain Act entitled "An Act to punish Traitors & disaffected persons;" or are or shall be charged with or committed for, misprision of Treason, or for any crime or offence, specified in the 8th or 9th sections of "An Act for constituting a Council of Safety," or shall be charged with or committed for any of the crimes or offences specified in the 2nd section of an Act entitled "An Act to render Certain Bills of Credit a legal Tender within this State & to prevent the counterfeiting of the same & other Bills of Credit." Or so many of them as have been so charged or committed shall be tried for the same in the County of Monmouth, altho' the offences they be charged with, or shall be committed for, were done or perpetrated in any other county.

Pursuant to a recommendation of the Court of Oyer & Terminer held at New Ark, in & for the County of Essex, in the month of April in the year of our Lord 1.778,

Agreed that Constables hereafter named, be allowed the several Sums annexed to their names, as a Compensation for their Extraordinary services at said Court & that the same, for their use, be paid to Stephen Crane, Esqr vizt

To Carey Headly	for attending	7 days	c 10|.	£3.	10.	0
" Elias Campbell	D°	D°	D°	3.	10.	0
" Anthony Price	D°	D°	D°	3.	10.	0
" Manning Force	D°	D°	D°	3.	10.	0
" Nathl Andros,	D°	D°	D°	3.	10.	0
" John Tichenor,	D°	D°	D°	3.	10.	0
" Thos Van Riper,	D°	D°	D°	3.	10.	0
" John Morris	D°	D°	D°	3.	10.	0
" Wm King	D°	D°	D°	3.	10.	0
" Jos Meeker	D°	8	D°	4.	0.	0
" Jos Crane,	D°	9	D°	4.	10.	0
" Wm Baldwin	D°	9	D°	4.	10.	0
" Silvenus Baldwin	D°	9	D°	4.	10.	0
" Ebenezer Price	D°	6	D°	3.	0.	0
" Hendrick Van Bloricum	D°	6	D°	3.	0.	0
				£55.	0.	0

6 June

6 June 1.778

Met at Princeton

Present
His Excellency the Governor,
Mr Condict — Mr Fenimore
Col Drake, — Mr Buck
Col Cook, — Mr Imlay,

Andrew Lott who went into the Enemy's lines, since the Treason law, appeared before & gave himself up to the Council, & his case having been considered of, Agreed that he enter into recognizance in the sum of £300 to appear at the next Court of Genl Qr Sessions of the Peace to be held in & for the County of Morris, which having done, with Abraham Lott, his surety, he was thereupon dismissed.

Andrew Donaldson, who had gone over to the Enemy, in the month of December, last, appeared before the Board, in order to throw himself upon the mercy of his country;—Whereupon agreed that he be detained under Guard for the present.

John Church who had come from the Enemy's lines to see his brother was in like manner brought before the Board; The Council thought proper to detain him also under Guard until further orders.

Adjourned till tomorrow.

7th June 1.778

Met at Princeton pursuant to adjt

Present
His Excellency the Governor,
Mr Condict — Col Drake
Mr Buck — Mr Elmer
Mr Fenemore

Joseph Fitzrandolph, accused of having been trading with the enemy on Staten Island, was brought before the Board, he having been examined & his case taken into consideration, Agreed That he be sent under Guard to the Court now sitting at Freehold and that John Conner attend him to give Evidence to the said Court respecting the above charge.

Ordered that in Case the above named Joseph Fitzrandolph is or shall be charged with or committed for any of the Crimes or

offences

offences specified in the 1st, 2nd or 3rd Sections of a certain act, entitled "An Act to punish Traitors & disaffected Persons," or is or shall be charged with or committed for Misprision of Treason, or for any Crime or offence specified in the 8th or 9th sections of "An act for constituting a Council of Safety," or shall be charged with, or committed for any of the Crimes or offences, specified in the 2nd section of an Act entitled "An Act to render certain Bills of Credit a legal Tender within this State, & to prevent the counterfeiting of the same & other Bills of Credit," he shall be tried for the same in the C° of Monmouth altho' the offences he be charged with, were done or perpetrated in any other C°

Adjourned till tomorrow morning,

8th June, 1.778

The Council met at Princeton.

Present
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Fenemore Mr Elmer
Mr Imlay Mr Condict
Col Drake,

Agreed that John Church be dismissed from his confinement at this place.

Agreed that the Governor be desired to write to Genl Washington on the subject of the exchange of Prisoners taken on Staten Island by Capt Fitz Randolph.

9th June 1.778

The Council met.

Present
Mr Houston Mr Fenemore
Mr Elmer Mr Buck
Mr Keasby

John Larking appeared before the Board & it appearing that he had made his escape from Staten Island, & was knowing to the trade carried on at that place by Joseph Fitzrandolph;

Agreed that he be sent to the Court now sitting at Freehold to give evidence to the said Court, respecting the above fact, & that \$2.00 be advanced to him to pay his expenses thither.

Upon

Upon the Petition of Elizabeth Boon, setting forth that her husband Joseph Boon, was a soldier in Cap^{tn} William Shoot's Company of foot belonging to the 2nd Jersey Reg^{t} commanded by W^{m} Maxwell, & had served 9 months in Canada, & there died of the Small pox, leaving a family of small children, & praying relief in the premises;

Agreed that as the said Petition is not properly certified; it cannot be complied with at present.

Agreed that M^{r} Condit pay to John Imlay Esq^{r} the sum of £20. 5| for. 162^{lbs} of lead, which he purchased for the use of the State, by order of Maj^{r} Gen^{l} Dickenson.

10th June 1778

The Council met.

Present
His Excellency the Governor
M^{r} Camp
M^{r} Condict
M^{r} Speaker
Co^{l} Drake
Co^{l} Cook
M^{r} Manning

Agreed that the Governor be desired to write to the person who has the custody of James Patterson and David Jeffery, late of the C^{o} of Monmouth, subjects of this State, desiring him to deliver them to Peter Patterson & Thomas Jeffery upon their promising to bring them into this State, at their expense & entering into Bonds of £500 to produce them to the Council of Safety in this State in a reasonable time after their arrival in it.

11th June 1778

The Council met.

Present.
His Excellency the Governor
M^{r} Fenemore
M^{r} Buck,
M^{r} Houston,
M^{r} Schenk
Co^{l} Drake
M^{r} Camp

Agreed that there be p^{d} to Ab^{m} Hyer for money laid by him in supporting a guard of 5 men on duty at Crosswicks, the sum of £3. 3. 9.

Agreed that there be paid to Lieut Palmer Roberts, the sum of

of £24. 19. 4 being his pay & the pay of a party of 12 men, under his command for guarding a number of Provision Waggons the 24th Feby 1.778 from Annwell to Head Quarters in consequence of orders from Col Chambers as per orders & pay Roll;—

And that there be paid to Caleb Camp, for the use of Jonas Crane the sum of £3. 0. 0 for riding express for the Court of Oyer & Terminer for the Co of Essex, the distance of 70 miles for Judge Smith.

P. M.

Present
His Excellency the Governor

Mr Houston	Mr Condict
Mr Manning	Mr Elmer
Mr Crane,	

Agreed that the Governor be desired to write to Mr Yard desiring him to deliver to Mr Denton, the 52 pair of shoes which were put into his possession some time last Spring by order of the Council of Safety.

12th June 1.778

The Council met at Princeton.

Present
His Excellency the Governor,

Mr Buck	Mr Schenk
Mr Manning	Col Drake,
Mr Imlay,	Mr Camp.

Agreed that there be advanced to the Treasr for the payment of Captn Quigley for the amount of a Bounty Roll of a detachment of the 1st Battalion of Burlington Co Militia, The said detachment having served the United States in Trenton, under the command of the said Captn 54 days, the sum of £120. 6. 8.

And that there be advanced to the Paymaster for the payment of the said Detachment the sum of £150. 18| 2.

Agreed that Mr Houston, now appointed Treasurer of this Board, settle with Mr Condict the late Treasurer, & receive the balance now in Mr Condict's hand.

13th June

13th June 1.778

The Council met at Princeton.

Present,
His Excellency the Governor,
Mr Speaker Mr Tallman
Mr Elmer Mr Buck
Mr Fenemore

Mr Edward Taylor having procured the release of John Willet upon Parole that whenever required so to do, he shall repair to whatever place any of King of Great Britain's Commanders-in-Chief shall judge expedient, to order him;

Agreed that the said Mr Taylor be discharged from his bond & have liberty to return to his place of abode until the said John Willet shall be recalled into the Enemy's lines; when the said Edward Taylor is to return to Princeton there to continue within a mile of the College until he shall be discharged by the Council of Safety, or the Executive authority of this State, he pledging his Faith & Honour, not to do, or say anything contrary to the interest of this State, or the United States, & to be subject to all the laws of this State, already in being or that may hereafter be made, in like manner as if this Parole had never been taken.

14th June 1.778

The Council met,

Present
His Excellency the Governor,
Mr Tallman Mr Keasby
Mr Buck Mr Fenemore
Mr Elmer,

Agreed that upon Andrew Donaldson's entering into recognizance in the sum of £600—for his appearance at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer to be held in & for the County of Cumberland, he be discharged from his present confinement.

Andrew Donaldson being called in, entered into Bond agreeable to the above order, & was thereupon dismissed.

15 June 1778.

The Council met at Princeton,

Present,
His Excellency the Governor,

Mr Crane	Mr Buck
Mr Tallman	Mr Schenk
Mr Speaker	Mr Elmer,

Agreed that Jacob Fitz Randolph be removed from Monmouth to Morris County Gaol, there to be confined until the next meeting of the Court of Oyer & Terminer in Middlesex County.

Agreed that there be paid to Mr Hart the sum of £47. 5. 4 being money advanced by him to Lieut Henry Young for the Pay & Expenses of a Guard at Pittstown the 16th Septr 1778

P. M.

Present,

Mr Buck,	Mr Elmer
Mr Keasby,	Mr Manning
Mr Cooper	Mr Imlay

Mr Crane

Israel Morris having been sent for before the Board, on suspicion of being disaffected to the Cause of American Independence, & on the affirmations to the Effect of the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance being tendered to him, refused to take the same & refused also to become bound for his appearance at the next Court of Genl Qr Sessions of the Peace for the Co of Hunterdon,

Whereupon, Agreed, That he be committed to Hunterdon Gaol for his tryal.

Adjd till tomorrow.

16 June 1.778

The Council met at Princeton.

Present
His Excellency the Governor

Mr Buck,	Col Drake
Mr Elmer,	Mr Tallman,
Mr Camp,	Mr Crane

Agreed

Agreed that the Governor be desired to write to the person who has the custody of Dan^l Brown & George Johnston, lately of the C° of Monmouth subjects of this State, desiring him to deliver them to Solomon Wardel & Moses Havens upon their promising to bring them into this State at their expense, & entering into Bond of £500 to produce them to the Council of Safety or the Executive Authority of this State, in a reasonable time after their arrival in it.

Agreed that there be paid to Jacob Bergen, the sum of £4. 8. 9 for monies paid by him to sundry persons for making Cartridges for the use of the State.

Samuel Car was called in & examined respecting a certain sum of money in Continental Currency, offered by him in payment of a debt to Henry Desbrow, & which he refused to receive, & his examination committed to writing & he dismissed.

Charles Barclay was in like manner examined with respect to the transaction aforesaid & dismissed.

Agreed that Henry Desbrow & his wife be summoned to appear before this Board on suspicion of disaffection.

17 June 1.778.

The Council met at Princeton.

Present,
His Excellency the Governor,
M^r Manning — M^r Tallman
M^r Schenk — Co^l Drake
M^r Fenemore — M^r Buck,

M^{rs} Richmond who had been into the Enemy's lines appeared before the Board;

Agreed that in consideration of her age & infirmities, she be permitted to return to her place of abode.

Josiah Grey having been called before the Board, & examined respecting a trade Carried on by our subjects with the enemy, & refusing to give satisfaction to the Council in the premises;

Agreed, that he be confined for the present.

Agreed, that there be paid to Cap^{tn} Derby for his expenses, in bringing the above-named Josiah Grey from New Ark before the Council of Safety in this place, the sum of of £6. 15|.

Agreed That his Excellency be desired to write to Gen^l Winds directing him to remove the Cattle from Woodbridge Neck

Neck & such other places between Eliz. Town & Amboy, where they may be in danger of falling into the hands of the Enemy, to such place, where they may be out of such danger; (the owners of such Cattle refusing to do it on notice to them for that purpose) the expenses to be paid by the Owners of such Cattle so removed;—And that in Executing this order he pay a proper attention to the public service & do no more damage to the owners of the Cattle than the Service really requires.

Agreed that there be paid to Co^l^ Neilson the sum of £31. 9. 9 for money expended by him in purchasing Lead & Cartridge paper for the use of the State as per account & vouchers,

18 June 1778.

The Council met at Princeton.

Present.

His Excellency the Governor

M^r^ Houston	M^r^ Schenk
M^r^ Camp	Co^l^ Drake
M^r^ Fenemore	M^r^ Tallman

Agreed That John Larkin & John Conner who were sent to Freehold to give Evidence in behalf of the State against Joseph Fitzrandolph be dismissed.

Agreed that his Excellency draw upon the Treasurer for the sum of £400. 0. 0 for the use of the Council of Safety.

Thos Armstrong taken up on yesterday as a suspected person, appeared before the Board & being examined relative to the Cause of suspicion & it appearing that he was innocent, he was thereupon dismissed.

William Sloan pursuant to citation, on a complaint that he had disposed of merchandize at a higher price than regulated by Law, appeared before the Board & the sd Complaint having been examined into,

Agreed that a consideration into the premises be had on tomorrow morning.

19th June 1.778

The Council met at Princeton,

Present,

His Excellency the Governor,

Mr Tallman	Mr Buck
Mr Fenemore	Mr Keasby
Mr Speaker	Col Drake,

Mr Imlay,

A

A representation having been made to the Board by the Vice President of the State of Pennsylvania, that a Robbery had been committed on the property of Gerrit Vansant of Middletown Township in the C° of Bucks in the State aforesaid, by persons belonging to this State, & the several depositions relating thereto having been read, & considered

Agreed, That his Excellency be desired to write to the Vice President of Pennsylvania, informing him that due attention will be paid to the subject-matter of the said Complaint as soon as this Board can examine into the Grounds of it more fully than the exigency of public affairs on account of the Alarm of the Enemy's March through this State will at present admit of.

Agreed that there be paid to Cap^{tn} Samuel Stout, for the amount of a Bounty Roll, of a detachment of Co^{l} Hyer's Battalion of Middlesex Militia, who were sent as a Guard with prisoners from Princeton to Head Quarters the sum of £12. 9. 8.

That there be paid to Cap^{tn} Stout for the amount of a Pay Roll, for the same detachment and for the same Duty, the sum of £17. 15. 2

Agreed That Jonathan Baldwin Esq^{r} for selling 2. 1. 24^{wt} of sugar, without certificate, be fined the sum of £'6. 0. 0, & forfeit the sum of £88. 13. 6 the price he sold the Sugar at, being more than the regulated price, amounting in the whole to £94. 13. 6, which fine & forfeiture to be paid into the hands of M^{r} Houston

Agreed that William Sloan be fined the sum of £6. 0. 0 for paying more for the Sugar than the law allows, which is in like manner to be paid to M^{r} Houston.

THE END OF THE FOURTH VOLUME.

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20th June 1778

The Council met at Princeton

Present
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Elmer Mr Manning
Coll Drake Mr Keasby
Stephen Crane.

Clement Bishop who had been captured by the enemy, & retaken by one of our Privateers was brought before the Board, and it appearing that he had obtained the office of Prize Master, on board one of their Prizes, in order to throw himself into our power, which he accordingly did on the first opportunity;

Agreed that he be discharged & permitted to return to his place of abode.

Ordered that Captn Moore send the folg Persons, viz Josiah Grey, John Jones & George Robinson prisoners to Morristown, if he shall think there is any danger of their being rescued by the enemy in their March thro' this State.

Agreed that there be paid to Col Clark, for the use of Captn Leek for his time & expenses in carrying Captn Harris & three Sailors with their Baggage from Egg Harbour, to the new Mills being 40 miles & also for procuring Waggons, horses &c, the sum of £12 0. 0.

And that there be paid him for Captn Leek, for bringing Captn Bishop & two Sailors, with their baggage from Egg Harbour to Princeton being 70 miles, the sum of £18. 0. 0.

Agreed that there be paid to Mr Simmons for the use of Abm Schenk, for his expenses in attending the Govr as a Guard, & riding Express from the 6th to the 12th April the the sum of £5. 5. 6.

That there be paid for the use of Jacob Van Dike, for the same services from the 1st to the 12th April the sum of £7 7|.

That

That for the use of John Voorhise for the like services there be paid the sum of £8. 2|. as per account.

That there be paid for the use of John Bennet, for his expenses as a light horseman, the sum of £7. 17. 3.

And that there be p^d for the use of Conred Tincke for his expenses as an express & light Horseman, from the 29th March to the 5th April, the sum of £7. 1. 3.

21 June 1.778

The Council met

Present,
His Excellency the Governor
M^r Camp M^r Imlay
M^r Buck M^r Elmer
Co^l Drake,

M^r Bach who has his parole given him till it should be known whether John Burroughs, a subject of this State, and lately captured by the enemy, was confined by them or indulged with the same liberty, & it appearing to the Board by letters, that the said Burroughs was in close confinement in New York,

Agreed that M^r Bach be discharged from his parole, & sent under guard to Morristown Gaol, together with Josiah Grey, John Jones, & George Robinson, & that Cap Moore see this order carried into Effect.

Andrew Hodge for speaking Contemptuously of the regulating law, passed this session of the Legislature, was brought before the Board, Whereupon, agreed, that he enter into Recognizance, in the Sum of £300. to appear at the next Court of Gen^l Q^r Sessions, of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset, which having done, he was thereupon dismissed.

Adjourned to meet at Garritson's Tavern, in the Township of Hillsborough, in the County of Somerset, on Wednesday the 24th.

24 June 1.778

Met at Garritson's Tavern pursuant to adjournment.

Present,
His Excellency the Governor,
M^r Camp M^r Buck
M^r Mehelm M^r Elmer
M^r Houston

His

His Excellency produced to the Board, a letter from William P. Smith Esq^r setting forth that Ichabod B. Barnet, who left us sometime ago, & went over to the Enemy, had returned to throw himself upon the mercy of his country, that from several favourable circumstances in his case, the magistrates had indulged him with taking his recognizance in £1.500 with two sufficient Sureties, for his appearance at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer in Essex County, submitting nevertheless to this Board, the steps that have been taken in the premises.

Whereupon agreed, that in addition to the said Recognizance, the same Magistrates take a parole, from the said Barnet, for his remaining at Springfield, or within one mile of the meeting house thereof, until the further orders of this Board, with leave notwithstanding to attend the said Court, pursuant to his recognizance.

Agreed that Charles Avary & Ezekiel Foster Jun^r his apprentice employed in preparing hides for the Continent be exempted, from Militia duty until the first day of September next, provided they be so long engaged in that business.

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning.

25th June 1.778

Met pursuant to adjournment

Present,
His Excellency the Governor,
M^r Camp M^r Houston
M^r Mehelm M^r Buck
M^r Elmer

Abel & Tho^s Rinear, who were sent to this place, by the Sheriff of Hunterdon, thro' fear of their being rescued by the enemy, appeared before the Board, their several cases having been examined into, Agreed that the two former be sent under Guard to Somerset Gaol, & that the latter be discharged.

Agreed that there be paid to Joseph Roberts for his use & the use of the three men, who came as a Guard from Trenton, to this place, with the persons above named, for their expenses & the expences of the Prisoners in coming & returning the the sum of £5. 13|.

Agreed that there be paid to David Nevius for his expenses in attending the Governor as a light Horseman from the 22 May to the 24 June 1.778 the sum of £16. 7. 0 as per account.

26 June

26 June 1.778

The Council met at Hillsborough.

Present
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Camp Mr Houston
Mr Mehelm Mr Buck
Mr Elmer.

Henry Desbrow & his wife appeared before the Board, pursuant to citation, & their several Examinations having been taken with respect to their uttering words tending to depreciate the Continental money,

Agreed that the Said Desbrow be permitted to carry his wife home on condition of his entering into recognizance in £300 to appear before the Board, tomorrow morning at ten O'clock, which being done he was accordingly dismissed.

Anthony Woodward, who went over to the enemy two years ago, & lately taken by a party of Militia, was brought before the Board; his case having been considered of, Agreed that he be committed for the present to Morristown Gaol.

Agreed that there be advanced to John Totten towards defraying the expenses of carrying the above Anthony Woodward from this place to Morris town the sum of \$8.00

27th June, Hillsborough, pursuant to adjournment.

Present
The Governor,
Mr Camp Mr Elmer
Mr Houston Mr Buck
Mr Mehelm,

Henry Desbrow pursuant to recognizance entered into on yesterday appeared before the Board, & having been examined it [appeared] he was too dangerous to go at Large,

Agreed that he be committed to Trenton Gaol as a disaffected person, but having signified his desire of being confined in the Gaol of Somerset, the Council indulged him in that request.

28 June 1.778

The Council met at Hillsborough.

Present as before.

Adjourned to meet at Kingston on Monday the 29th Inst.

29 June

29 June 1.778

The Council met at Kingston, pursuant to adj^{t}.

Present
His Excellency the Governor
M^{r} Houston   M^{r} Elmer
M^{r} Hart   M^{r} Buck

There not being a sufficient number of members to proceed to business, adjourned till tomorrow morning.

30 June 1.778

Met at Kingston, pursuant to adjournment.

Present
His Excellency the Governor
M^{r} Mehelm   M^{r} Elmer
M^{r} Houston   M^{r} Buck
M^{r} Speaker,

It appearing to the Board that John Burrowes, was liberated on his Parole on Staten Island,

Agreed that on M^{r} Bache's signing a Parole to the same Effect he have leave to proceed to Elizabeth Town, from whence he is to pass to Staten Island, as soon as M^{r} Burrowes arrives within our Lines, on signing a Parole similar to that signed by said Burrowes, before he leaves the enemy.

Agreed that there be paid to Geradus Skilman, for attending His Excellency & the Council of Safety as an express, from the 22 May to the 30 June 1.778, the sum of £19. 5. 9.

And that there be p^{d} him for the use of Abraham Golder, for the same services, from the 22nd May to the 21st June 1.778 the sum of £13. 19. 9.

Adjourned to meet at Princeton tomorrow morning.

1st July 1.778

Met at Princeton.

Present
His Excellency the Governor.
M^{r} Mehelm   M^{r} Elmer
M^{r} Imlay   M^{r} Houston
M^{r} Buck   M^{r} Speaker

On

On the petition of Henry Desbrow lately committed to the Jail of Somerset, as a disaffected Person.

Agreed that on his paying a fine of £6. 0. 0. to Justice Van Nest, for refusing to take Continental Currency in payment, & on his taking & subscribing the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance before Justice Van Nest, and entering into recognizance with two Sureties in £300 Each, for his good behaviour during the war, he be discharged, from his present confinement & permitted to return to his place of abode.

Agreed that Cap^tn Moore furnish a Guard of 20 men with an officer to convey the British Prisoners in this place, to Philadelphia & that he send with them a list of their names & the regiments to which they belong.

Adjourned till tomorrow morning.

2^nd July 1778

Met pursuant to adjournment at Princeton.

Present.
His Excellency the Governor,

M^r Imlay	M^r Elmer
M^r Buck	M^r Houston
M^r Mehelm	M^r Speaker

William M^c Galvin on a complaint exhibited against him, on Oaths by Nicholas Golder, respecting sundry parts of his conduct while the enemy were in this place, was called before the Board, & having made his defence, thereupon was ordered to withdraw,

Benjamin Plumb was called in, & having being examined, relative to the aforesaid M^cGalvin was also dismissed.

Agreed that John Covenoven, Philip Young & Henry Blue, be subpoenaed to attend this Board, forthwith to give Evidence in behalf of the State against William M^cGalvin.

Benj^in Von Mater being sent before the board, by Co^l Moyland, on suspicion of his having given intelligence to the enemy; The Council having examined into the Grounds of the said Complaint, & thinking that the said Van Mater was Guiltless of the charge, It was agreed that he should stay in this town a week from to day & might then return to his place of abode.

William Hale who went into the Enemy's lines, since the Treason act, appeared before & threw himself upon the Mercy of the Board, his case having been taken into consideration,

Agreed

Agreed that he enter into recognizance in £300. 0. 0 for his appearance at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer for the County of Middlesex, which having done with Robert Priest, his surety, he was thereupon discharged,

Agreed that if the enemy will receive Jacobus Quick, now a prisoner with us in exchange for William Thompson a prisoner with them, This Board have no objection to its taking place as soon as it can be Effected.

Adjourned till tomorrow morning.

3rd July 1.778

Met at Princeton pursuant to adj't,

Present,
His Excellency the Governor,
Mr Houston Mr Speaker
Mr Mehelm Mr Paterson
Mr Imlay

Philip Young pursuant to citation, appeared before the Board & having given his testimony in behalf of the State against Wm McGalvin relative to his conduct while the enemy were in this town, was thereupon dismissed.

The Board having considered the several proofs exhibited, against Wm M'Galvin came to the folg agreement vizt ; That he should enter into recognizance in the sum of £200. for his appearance at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer, for the Co of Somerset.

Agreed that there be paid to Wm Seaman for attending the Governor & Council of Safety as a light horseman, from the 11th May to the 21st June 1.778 the sum of £19 5. 6.

That there be paid to John Vandike for his expenses in the same services from the 5th June to the 3rd July 1.778 the sum of £16. 8|.

And that there be paid to Jacob Vandike for the same services from the 23 June to the 3 July 1.778 the sum of £8. 19. 6.

Agreed that Mr Houston advance to his Excellency the Governor, on account, the sum of £20. 0. 0

3rd Augt 1.778

The Council met at Morristown.

Present,
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Camp Col Drake
Mr Smith Col Fleming
Mr Cook,

Richard, James & Tho^{s} Parker, who had the Consent of the Council of Safety to go into Virginia, to procure the liberty of Robert James a subject of this State, confined there, on their entering into Bond to deliver him to the Council of Safety in a reasonable time after his arrival in this State, appeared before the Board & informed them that they had procured the releasement of the said Robert James, who was ready to wait upon this Council when required. Whereupon, Agreed, That the said Richard James, & Tho^{s} Parker having complied with the condition of their Bond have the same delivered to them.

Robert James having been brought before the Board & examined, Agreed that he give security for his appearance at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer for the C^{o} of Monmouth, which having done, with Richard James, his surety, was thereupon dismissed.

Cornelius Bogert who had been sentenced to death & pardoned on Condition of enlisting into the continental Army during the War, having deserted from the same, was brought before the Board & being examined, gave information against the following persons who were enlisted at the same time & had in like manner deserted from their respective Corps, & who were now at their several homes, viz: Joseph Britain, John Shannon, James Neigh, Lawrence Fleming, Martin Sneider, Christian Sneider, & Nath^{l} Parker, & was remanded to the Gaol.

Agreed that Cap^{tn} Morrisson for enlisting as substitutes certain convicts whom he knew to have been before enlisted in their own right, be summoned to attend this Board.

A petition from the Officer of the New Jersey Brigade setting forth their want of cloathing &c, was read; Agreed that it be referred to the Legislature.

It being represented to the Board that the Continental Stores in Sussex, are exposed to the weather & in danger of being embezzled & destroyed; Agreed that his Excellency be desired to write to John Smyth & Jacob M^{c}Collum, to inspect into the neglect complained of, procure affidavits thereon & transmit them to the Board, with all possible dispatch.

Adjourned till tomorrow morning.

4th August 1.778

The Council met at Morristown.

Present,
His Excellency the Governor,
M^{r} Camp Co^{l} Drake
M^{r} Smith Co^{l} Fleming
Co^{l} Cook,

Agreed

Agreed that there be paid to Joseph Halsey for his expenses & that of 5 men, in guarding 6 prisoners, from Morristown to Princeton, on the 11th May last, the sum of 19 dollars & that Mr Condict be desired to advance the money.

Ordered that Major Hays be directed to apprehend & deliver to the Magistrates of Essex, for Examination, the following persons, viz, Edmund Leslie, Peter Cadmus, Francis King, Adrian Van Riper, Arent Kingsland, Charles Orsburn, Corse Joralemon son of Cornelius, John Kingsland son of Nathaniel, Isaac Kingsland son of Isaac;—

Abm Law who had been among the enemy, & came over to deliver himself up, appeared before the Board; his case having been taken into consideration, Agreed that recognizance be taken for his appearance at the next Court of General Qr Sessions of the Peace for the Co of Essex.

Agreed that the follg persons taken up & sent to this place, on the March of the enemy thro' this State be sent to Gloucester Jail with a letter to the Justices to take their several examinations, (viz) Isaac Lloyd, Samuel Lloyd, Samuel Lippencott, Joseph Myers, Lawrence Cox, David Carter, Jacob Justine, William Kennack and Jessie Serren.

Agreed that Uriah West & Anthony Woodward, alias little Anthony, be committed to the Gaol in this place for high Treason.

Agreed that John O'Harra a deserter from the enemy be discharged on his taking & subscribing the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance.

Agreed that when Josiah Grey & Peter Hondershute find security for their appearance at the next Court of Genl Qr Sessions of the Peace for the Co of Essex they be discharged.

Agreed that John Allwood, Lucas King, Vincent Swim and Joseph Groom now in prison at this place, be committed to Monmouth Gaol for their trial, & that their commitment be given to the Sheriff of Morris, until such time as they shall be delivered to the Sheriff of Monmouth.

Agreed that Thos Canby sent here from Burlington on the march of the enemy thro' this State, be remanded to Burlington where he was, in and by virtue of an execution.

Agreed that the Sherifi of Essex be desired to take charge of Maurice Morisson, now in the Gaol in this place.

Adjourned till tomorrow morning.

5th August

5th August 1.778

The Council met pursuant to adj'^{t}.

Present,
His Excellency the Governor,
M^{r} Camp, Co^{l} Drake,
M^{r} Smith Co^{l} Fleming
M^{r} Condict

Agreed that there be paid George King for serving process for the Council of Safety on several delinquents,—the sum of \$5^{00} & that M^{r} Condict be desired to advance the money.

Agreed that William Clark be dismissed on finding security for his appearance at Court, on failure whereof to be sent to Monmouth in Company with those prisoners, who were ordered to that place yesterday.

The petition of William Smith (confined by the Council of Safety for High Treason) praying to be admitted to Bail on account of his ill state of health, The Council having considered the same, Agreed, that on procuring a certificate from a physician to the truth of the above fact, he be permitted to take private lodgings, within a mile of the Court house in Morristown.

Agreed That Col Hathaway be desired to furnish a Sergeant & five men to guard a number of prisoners from this place to Gloucester, & that he direct them to draw rations where they can & keep a regular account of their expenses, to be laid before the Council of Safety on their return.

Agreed that there be paid to Cap^{tn} Simmons, for the use of Joseph Doty, for riding in pursuit of Pilots (in behalf of the States) to conduct the French Fleet into the Harbor of New York, the sum of £4. 10|.

W^{m} Smith producing to the Board a certificate from D^{r} Van Buren, that he had a dysentery & fever in consequence of which his situation was not proper for the recovery of his health, & entering into bond in the sum of £5.000== with John Blanchard, his surety, he was thereupon permitted to take private Lodgings in the town.

Isaac Bady Esq^{r} appeared before the Board & on giving recognizance for his appearance at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer & Gen^{l} Gaol Delivery for the C^{o} of Morris, was thereupon dismissed.

6th August

6th August 1.778

The Council met, at Morris Town.

Present,
His Excellency the Governor,
Mr Condict Col Fleming
Mr Smith Col Drake,
Mr Camp,

Agreed that a Warrant do forthwith issue to apprehend Gerrit Rappelje, as a person suspected by this Board, to be disaffected & dangerous to this State.

Agreed that subpoena's issue to summon John DeGroff & Jaquish Dennis living between Squan & Tom's River at Rapelje's Salt Works, to appear forthwith at Princeton before Silas Condict Esqr to give evidence against Garret Rappelje, in behalf of the State;

And also, that subpoena's issue to summon Major John Vliet, Jacob Force, Eve Force his wife, John Marlett, David Davidson & wife, John Mitchel and wife, & William Stevens Dy Qr Master Genl for the same purpose.

The Council met at Morristown Tuesday P. M. Augt 18. 1.778

Present,
His Excellency the Governor,
Mr Condict Col Cooke
Mr Smith Col Drake

But there not being a Quorum, adjourned till 8 O'clock, to-morrow morning

Wednesday, Augt 19th 1.778

The Council met at Morristown.

Present,
His Excellency the Governor,
Mr Condict, Col Drake
Mr Smith Mr Muhelm
Col Cooke, Col Hoops.

Agreed that His Excellency draw on the Treasurer for £300 for the Use of the Council of Safety.

Agreed that Mr Condict pay to Abraham Voorhis & Coenradt Ten Eyck for Going to the Salt Works near Squan to subpoena Witnesses against Gerrit Rapalje, the sum of £8. 9. 9

Ordered

Ordered that Noah Hammond & John Whiteacre be subpoena'd as witnesses against Dr Bullion,

Agreed that Harbet Henry (one of the party formerly committed for attempting to join the enemy on Staten Island, & escaping by breaking Gaol & now again apprehended with a party who had agreed to take a number of loyal inhabitants & to deliver them to Col Butler in the enemy's lines) be committed for High Treason,

Isaac Thompson was examined as a Witness against a number of Tories who had agreed to waylay & Captivate a party of men & carry them to Col Butler & the Indians.

Agreed that John Woortman be committed for High Treason for heading the said Tories in the said enterprize.

Agreed that Abel and Thos Rynear two prisoners lately removed from Trenton to Millstone be carried back & committed to Trenton Gaol.

Adjourned till 3 O'clock this afternoon.

The Board met according to adjt

Ordered that 15.000 of the Flints, now in the possession of Major Kelsey in Princeton, be sent for & lodged in the care of Col Hathaway at this place.

Agreed that Mr Condict pay to Major McDonald £36. 2. 9 for money Expended by him for a Guard consisting at different times of 15. 11 & 9 Men, who escorted 7 Tory prisoners from Sussex to Morristown & £11. 5|. to 9 of the said Guard for the expenses of their return.

It appearing to the Council of Safety that Mr Richd Waln, who had been sent out of the State, by the said Council, returned into the same, without permission;

Therefore ordered, That the said Mr Waln do, within 6 day's time leave the State, or within the same space of time appear before the Council of Safety, or the President thereof at Morristown; & enter into recognizance with surety in the sum of £1.000 to appear at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer to be held in & for the Co of Monmouth.

Mr James Findlass, who had lately come from the City of New York, into this State, without permission, appeared before the Board, Whereupon the Board ordered, that he enter into recognizance with surety, to appear at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer in & for the Co. of Morris,

Noel Hammond appeared agreeable to Citation before the Board & was examined as a witness against Dr O'Bullion.

Adjourned till 9 O'clock tomorrow morning.

Thursday,

Thursday, Aug^{t} 20th 1.778

The Council met, at Morristown, according to adj^{t}

Present.
His Excellency the Governor

M^{r} Condict	M^{r} Mehelm
M^{r} Smith	Co^{l} Cook
Co^{l} Drake,	Co^{l} Hoops

Jonathan Whiteacre, who had been subpoena'd as a witness against D^{r} O'Bullion, appeared before the Board, but knowing nothing of consequence against the said O'Bullion, of his own knowledge, referred the Council for information thereon to W^{m} Hill & Nathaniel Woodward. Whereupon ordered, That subpoenas do immediately issue for the Said W^{m} Hill & Nat^{hl} Woodward to appear before the Council.

John Demott and Deich Vreland, (who were Confined in Morristown Gaol for going to & returning from the enemy at New York) appeared before the Board, & were dismissed from their confinement upon entering into Recognizances with John Mead, their surety, to appear at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer held in & for the C^{o} of Morris.

M^{r} Andrew Gautier who lately came from New York, appeared before the Council, & was permitted to enter into recognizance to appear at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer held in & for the C^{o} of Morris.

Brigadier Gen^{l} Winds having purchased Lead, pursuant to a resolve of the Council & the Gen^{l} Assembly to a larger amount than the money provided for that purpose, & the late proprietors thereof being very urgent for their money,

Agreed that M^{r} Condict advance him the sum of £300 to enable him to discharge the debt accrued by the said purchase.

M^{r} Gerrit Rapelje (who was confined in Morristown Gaol, on suspicion of being disaffected to this State) Appeared before the Board, Whereupon agreed, That M^{r} Rapalje be discharged from his confinement upon entering into recognizance with surety to appear at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer held in & for the County of Sussex.

Adjourned till 3 O'clock this afternoon.

The Council met, according to adjournment,

Present as before.

Israel Rickey came before the Board & was examined as a Witness against D^{r} O'Bullion.

Peter Appleman came before the Council & was permitted to

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go home upon entering into recognizance to appear at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer held in & for the County of Sussex.

Agreed that the Sheriff deliver Hugh M^c^Clean, a prisoner in the Gaol of this town, to Sergeant Hopson sent by Co^l^ Shreve to guard him to Eliz; Town, Said M^c^Clean being a deserter from his Regiment.

Agreed that the £300—drawn by his Excellency the Governor, by order of the Council from the Treasury, be lodged in the hands of M^r^ Condict, the treasurer which was accordingly done.

Adjourned till 9 O'clock tomorrow Morning.

Thursday, Augt 21st

Met according to Adj^t^ at Morristown,

Present
His Excellency the Governor,

M^r^ Smith	Co^l^ Hoops,
M^r^ Condict	Co^l^ Drake,
Co^l^ Mehelm	Co^l^ Cook,

W^m^ Hill & W^m^ Boyd agreeable to summons, appeared before the Board & were examined concerning Doct J^s^ O'Bullion's political conduct, but not knowing any thing material against said O'Bullion, their affidavits were not taken.

Whereas their is great reason to think that the Slitting-Mill at Boontown, carried on by Samuel Ogden Esq^r^ is the property of the said Samuel Ogden & of several other persons, which other persons are disaffected to the present Government, and now with the enemy, and whose personal estate is now forfeited by the law of this State; And whereas all the Shares of the profits that have been made by the said Slitting-Mill, belong-to such disaffected persons are in consequence of the said law forfeited to this State, & there is reason to believe that the said disaffected proprietors have by fraudulent & collusive conveyances transferred their shares in the said Slitting Mill in secret trust for their own uses, in order to evade the law & secure their interest therein, & in the profits thereby made, notwithstanding such forfeitures, by means whereof the State is like to be defrauded out of a very considerable sum of money—Therefore, Ordered, That the Attorney-General be directed to file a Bill in Equity against the said Samuel Ogden, for the discovery of all the owners of the said Slitting-Mill, and of the neat profits thereby made since the fourth day of June 1.777

Ordered

Ordered that a Warrant do forthwith issue to apprehend Dr James O'Bullion as a person disaffected to the United States of America & dangerous to the welfare of this State.

Agreed that John Cole be discharged from his confinement, on entering into recognizance, with surety, to appear at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer held in & for the Co of Morris.

Agreed that Isaac Goodwin be committed for High Treason, for being taken in arms against the United States of America.

Agreed that Matthias Swartfeller be discharged from his confinement, on entering into recognizance to appear at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer held in & for the Co of Sussex.

Adjourned till 3 O'clock this afternoon.

Met according to Adjt.

Present, as before.

Ordered That Hendrick Banta be committed for High Treason, in aiding & assisting the enemy of the United States of America, by taking up Arms against the said States.

Mrs Ludlow applied to the Board in person, for permission to go into New York to recover some debts due to her there, but was refused.

Adjourned till 9 O'clock tomorrow Morning.

Saturday Augt 22nd 1.778

The Council met, according to adjt at Morristown,

Present
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Condict Col Drake
Mr Smith Col Mahelm
Col Hoops

Agreed that there be paid by Mr Condict to Nehemiah Mills, for going with a guard of seven men & 10 prisoners to Gloucester, & returning with the Guard to this place as pr his account £10. 13. 6, And to Isaac Hayward for attending the Governor as a light horseman as pr his account £4. 11. 9

Dr James O'Bullion came before the Board & upon entering into a recognizance with Jos Annin, his surety, to appear at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer, held in & for the Co of Morris, was discharged.

Agreed that John Moore, Tice Konkle, Hanadam Konkle, George Moote, Matthias Swartfeller,   Kinsberry & Thos Layton be discharged upon entering into recognizance with

with surety to appear at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer, to be held in & for the County of Sussex.

Agreed that there be paid to Cap^{tn} Symmons for his attendance on the Gov^{r} as a light horseman, from June 22nd to 5th Augt inclusive as per his a/ct £23. 13/.

Agreed that there be paid to his Excellency the Governor for money advanced by him to the several light-Horsemen for attending as his guard & as expresses, the sum of £20. 0. 6. as per their several accounts to wit:

To Peter Stryker,	£0.	15.	0
To Sam^{l} Parsons,	1.	13.	6
To Benj^{m} Couchlin	2.	8.	0
To Ichabod Grummond	4.	3.	4
To Caleb Woodruff,	3.	15.	6
To do do,		.16.	5
To Nathan Beedle		18.	9
To Timothy Miller	5.	10.	0
	£20.	0.	6

Agreed that the Gaol Guard at Morristown be increased with 12 additional men & that C^{ol} Hathaway be ordered to detach so many men from his Reg^{t} for that purpose,

The Council adj^{d} till 2 O'clock next Tuesday afternoon the 25th Ins^{t}

Tuesday, Aug^{t} 25. 1.778

The Council met at Morristown.

Present
His Excellency the Governor.

M^{r} Camp	Co^{l} Cooke,
M^{r} Smith	Co^{l} Drake,
M^{r} Mehelm	M^{r} Condict,

—— Banta, who had been a prisoner in New York, being discharged from his confinement, and returned to New Jersey in exchange for Jacobus Quick, now a Stateprisoner in the Gaol of this town; Therefore Ordered, that the said Quick be released & have permission to go to New York.

Richard Waln appearing before the Board pursuant to citation & entering into recognizance with M^{r} Lawrence, his surety

surety, to appear at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer held in & for the County of Monmouth, was permitted to return to stay with his family agreeable to the prayer of his petition.

Ichabod Barnet who was bound in a recognizance to appear at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer held in & for the County of Essex, petitioned the Board to "issue an order for his Trial at the Court of Oyer & Terminer now holding for the County of Middlesex." Whereupon Agreed that there being no necessity for such an order in the present case, the prayer of the said Petition be not granted.

Anthony Ludlow, confined in Gaol in this town, for detaining Henry Brinkerhoff's cattle, appeared before the Board & upon promising to enter into recognizance, with surety, to appear at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer held in & for the C° of Morris,

Agreed that the said Ludlow be discharged from his confinement on so doing.

Ordered that Jacobus Outwater be committed to the Gaol of this town for High Treason,

The Council adjourned till 9 O'clock tomorrow morning.

Wednesday, Morristown 26 Augt 1.778

The Council met according to adjournment,

Present,
His Excellency the Governor,

Mr Camp	Col Drake
Mr Condict,	Col Cooke
Mr Smith	Mr Mahelm

George Hyler who had lately returned from Staten Island, surrendered himself up to the Council

Whereupon agreed That he be dismissed upon entering into recognizance, with surety, to appear at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer to be held in & for the C° of Somerset.

Col John Starke having preferred an account of the expense of a Party of Militia of the West Regiment of Morris County, under his command, on a scout after a number of disaffected persons, by order of His Excellency Govr Livingston, amounting to £49. 16. 6, to the Council of Safety ; Agreed that the said Account be allowed & that the paymaster be requested to pay the Same.

John McClean, who lately came from Long-Island, & was confined on suspicion of deserting to the Enemy, appeared before

fore the Board & it appearing that the said M^c^Clean was a lieutenant in the Navy-service of Pennsylvania, & had been taken prisoner by the enemy while in Philadelphia, & had now made his escape from them; Whereupon, agreed, that he be released from his confinement & permitted to go to Philadelphia.

Agreed that Co^l^ Hathaway be authorized to deliver to Gen^l^ Winds or his order, any number of the 15.000 Flints belonging to this State & lately lodged in his hands by order of this Board.

Agreed that there be paid to John Smyth Esq^r^ for his expenses in victualling & otherwise providing for a Guard of 15 men, who were employed in taking & guarding a number of Tories in Sussex, £11. 17. 6

Agreed that M^r^ Condict pay to Zophar Lyon £1. 1. 6 for his expenses in riding express on public business, to the Governor—

Agreed that William Corrent, now confined in the Gaol of this town, on suspicion of assisting the enemies of the United States, be discharged on entering into recognizance, with surety, to appear at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer held in & for the County of Sussex.

Ordered that the following persons, viz: Ja^s^ Findlass, Isaac Goodwin, John Cole, Andrew Gautiere, John Demott, Dirck Vreland, Hendrick Bantha, Anthony Ludlow & Jacobus Outwater be tried in the County of Morris, altho' the offences they are charged with, or were committed for were done & perpetrated in any other County,

Agreed that M^r^ Condict pay to Cap^tn^ Henry Luse £66. 0. 0 for his expenses in apprehending a number of Tories in Sussex with a party of Militia under his Command.

Agreed that there be paid to Daniel Kinney for his wages & expenses in fetching 15.000 Flints from Princeton to this place £5. 16. 3.

The Council of Safety met at Princeton 11^th^ Sept^m^ 1.778

Present,
His Excellency the Governor
M^r^ Cooper, M^r^ Fenimore
Co^l^ Drake, M^r^ Condict
M^r^ Imlay, M^r^ Elmer

Agreed that Anthony Woodward be offered in Exchange for M^r^ Peter Imlay.

Agreed

Agreed that Mr Howard late Surgeon to the British light Infantry in New York, be permitted to come & settle in this State, upon his applying to a magistrate & taking the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance with all convenient speed after his arrival in the State.

12th Septr 1778.

Met at Princeton

Present
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Cooper,
Mr Imlay,
Mr Manning,
Mr Buck
Mr Condict
Mr Houston.

Agreed that Alexander McDonald be permitted to go to New York, upon some business of importance, of his own, upon Parole not to carry any letters or give any intelligence to the enemy.

That Mary, the wife of Thos Hunlock, be permitted to go to New York, with Penelope Van Klyne her maid, & her two children, upon condition not to return into this State,

Agreed that there be paid to Col Henry Vandycke, for 184½ lbs lead by him furnished to be run into bullets for the Militia, at the rate of 2|6 p lb the sum of £23. 1. 3 & for cash paid by him to Oakey Voorhise for 25 days labour in running 220½ lbs of lead into bullets, at the rate of 5|. pr day the sum of £6. 5|.

13 Septr 1.778

Met at Princeton.

Present
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Tallman
Mr Imlay
Mr Manning
Mr Houston
Mr Condict
Mr Buck.

Agreed that Able & Thos Rineer now in confinement in Trenton Gaol, be removed to the Gaol in Burlington County, which is the County in which they reside, & that for that purpose the Sheriff of the County of Hunterdon deliver them to Isaac & Joseph English to be carried to Burlington & delivered to the Sherif of that Co.

15 Septr

15 Septr 1.778

The Council met at Princeton,

Present,
His Excellency the Governor,
Mr Manning Mr Fenemore
Mr Hart Mr Imlay

Agreed That Mr Condict advance, upon account, the sum of £10 to Peter Clinton a private soldier in Captn Imlay's Company of the third New Jersey Regiment discharged from the same by Col Dayton by reason of a Wound received in the service of the United States which rendered him unfit for service on the 30 Septr 1.778 as pr discharge.

17th Septr 1.778

The Council met at Princeton,

Present
His Excellency the Governor
Mr Speaker Mr Schenk
Mr Elmer, Mr Camp
Mr Imlay, Mr Fenemore

The petition of Nathl Little setting forth that he had been rendered unfit for service from the loss of a leg, & for which reason he had a discharge from the Army on the 21st Augt 1.776 ; praying that this Board would allow him his Pay & rations from that time, and such other recompense as may be thought reasonable, the same having been read, the Council postponed the further consideration of, until some of the members from Morris County be consulted respecting this circumstance.

A petition from Mary M'Myers setting forth that she had lost a husband in the battle of German-Town, and was left in low circumstances, praying this Board to grant her some relief in the premises ;

Whereupon, agreed, That there be paid into the hands of Mr Manning for her use the sum of $60⁰⁰

John Fenemore, John Seal, Jacob Heumel, Thos Miller & John Ansley who had joined the British Army, and deserted from them, appeared before the Board & having severally entered into recognizance for their appearance at Court were dismissed.

18 Septr

18 Septr 1.778

The Council met at Princeton.

Present
His Excellency the Governor,
Mr Buck Mr Manning
Mr Imlay Mr Fenemore
Mr Camp

Agreed that there be paid to Mr Archibald Mercer, the sum of £145. 10|- proc : for 21.000 Flints purchased by him at the request of the Council of Safety for the use of the Militia of this State, & for expenses in transporting the same from Boston into this State— as per account—

Upon the petition of Sarah Royal, setting forth that she had lost her husband in the service & left in distressing circumstances, Agreed that there be paid to Col Crips for her use as a temporary relief the sum of \$60$^{\underline{00}}$

Agreeable to the recommendation of the Court of Oyer & Terminer & Genl Gaol Delivery held at New Brunswick the 11th Augt 1778,

Agreed that there be paid to Mr Manning for the use of the following Constables for their extraordinary attendance at the same Court, at the following rates (vizt)

To John Witlock for his attendance	15 days	c 10| p day	£7. 10|.
Anthony Denton,	do	do	7. 10|.
John Seaburne,	do	do	7. 10|.
Benjm Ford,	do	do	7. 10|.
Stephen Voorhise	14	10|.	7. 0.
Joseph Applegate,	do	do	7. 0.
George Kelley,	do	do	7. 0.
Clarke Smith,	11	10|.	5. 10|.
Benjm Lucker,	9	10|.	4. 10|.
Abel Still,	do	do	4. 10|.
			£65. 10|.

Pursuant to the Recommendation of the Court of Oyer & Terminer held at Freehold for the Co of Monmouth June 1.778

Agreed that there be paid to Mr Schenk for the use of the following Constables for their extraordinary services in the said Court the following sums vizt.

To

To George Harris,	15 days c 20| p day		£15.	0.	0
Benj^{m} Van Cleaf,	do	do	15.	0.	0
Peter Johnston,	do	do	15.	0.	0
W^{m} Lloyd,	do	do	15.	0.	0
Joseph Coward,	do	do	15.	0.	0
Edward Wilburne,	12	do	12.	0.	0
Zephaniah Morris,	11	do	11.	0.	0
			£98.	0.	0

19th Sep^{tr} 1.778

The Council met at Princeton.

Present,
His Excellency the Governor,
M^{r} Imlay M^{r} Elmer
M^{r} Schenk M^{r} Speaker
M^{r} Camp,

The petition of David Pinkerton praying permission to go to New York, to obtain payment for several articles taken from him by the enemy in their march thro' this State, in Decr 1.776 was read and considered,

Whereupon, agreed, that M^{r} Pinkerton be directed to attend this Board, before such permission can be granted.

The memorial of Elizabeth Boon representing that she had lost a husband in the service & thereby (with three small children) rendered destitute & helpless, being considered;

Agreed that there be paid to M^{r} Keasby for her use, as a temporary relief the sum of $\$40^{\underline{00}}$

Agreed that there be advanced to Cap^{tn} Voorhise the sum of £11. 2|. for the pay & Bounty of a detachment of 10 men from Co^{l} Neilson's Regiment ordered out by the Court of Oyer and Terminer, lately held for the County of Middlesex, as a Guard for the said Court, & who were on this duty for 4 days.

22nd Sept^{r} 1.778

The Council met at Princeton.

Present,
His Excellency the Governor,
M^{r} Crane, M^{r} Elmer
M^{r} Schenk, M^{r} Buck
M^{r} Keasby, M^{r} Hart,

Agreed

Agreed that a warrant be issued for John Hartwick, for carrying Flour on board of an Enemy's Flag, of Truce & that Captn Briningon, George Neffis, & John Halfpenny be subpœna'd as witnesses

Agreed that David Pickerson have leave to go to New York.

Agreed that Solomon Wardel & Moses Havens be discharged from their Bond, they having produced to the Board the bodies of Dan^{l} Brown & George Johnston agreeable to the condition thereof.

Agreed that Daniel Brown & George Johnston, enter into recognizance with Solomon Wardel as their Surety for their appearance at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer to be held for the County of Monmouth Each in the sum of £300—

24 Septr 1.778

The Council met at Princeton.

Present
His Excellency the Governor
M^{r} Condict
M^{r} Imlay
M^{r} Drake
M^{r} Schenk
M^{r} Manning
M^{r} Elmer
M^{r} Camp
M^{r} Buck
M^{r} Hart.

Agreed that there be paid to Lieu^{t} Joseph Schenk the sum of £5. 7|. for guarding, with an officer & six privates, a number of prisoners from Princeton, to Morristown in the month of April last.

Agreed that there be paid to Silas Condict Esq for Nathaniel Little a soldier in one of the Jersey Battalions who was taken sick in the Northern Campaign, for his expenses in Boarding & Surgeons, as by the several certificates by him produced, the sum of £18. 14. 10

Agreed that there be paid to Joseph Holmes for the use of Patience Sayre, (the widow of Nathaniel Sayre who died in the service of the United States, a soldier in the 3rd New Jersey Battalion) the sum of £11. 5|. to be applied to the relief of her necessities according to his discretion.

M^{r} Speaker paid into the hands of M^{r} Condict, the Treasurer, the sum of £158. 17. 6 being the remaining balance of the sum of £200 which M^{r} Elmer had received from L^{t} Co^{l} Chamberlain, being the sum lately advanced to L^{t} Co^{l} Chamberlain by the Council

Council of Safety, to defray his expenses, to the Massachusetts Bay, whither he was ordered to convoy the Honorable John Penn, & Joseph Chois Esq^r & which order was afterwards countermanded, in consequence of leave obtained by those Gentlemen, from Congress, to remain in New, Jersey.

Of the £41. 2. 6., the money paid out of the said £200–, the sum of £4. 12. 6 was agreed to be paid to Co^l Chamberlain for his expenses in attending the Council of Safety, on the above business, as per his receipt, & the sum of £36. 10| to M^r W^m Livingston J^r for his attendance as Secretary as per his receipt.

25 Septr 1.778

The Council met at Princeton.

Present
His Excellency the Governor

M^r Keasby	M^r Elmer
M^r Buck	M^r Hart
M^r Imlay	M^r Condict

Agreed that there be paid to M^r Sinnickson the sum of £4. 11. 6. for money advanced by him to Cap^t Beasley for Cap^tn Beasley's expenses in taking with a Guard of Militia, Northrop Marpole, & the sum of £3. 14|. for the expenses of a detachment of the Militia of a Cap^tn & 10 privates in bringing a number of prisoners before the Council of Safety in August 1.777 as per the accounts & receipts thereof.

The Council adjourned till 8 o'clock,

The Council met, pursuant to adj^t

Present
His Excellency the Governor

M^r Buck	M^r Imlay,
M^r Condict	M^r Manning,
M^r Schenk,	M^r Keasby,

Agreed that Susanna Morris wife of Asa Morris enter into Recognizance to appear at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer for the C^o of Middlesex.

Agreed that Joseph D. Camp enter into recognizance in the sum of £500, for his appearance at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer for Middlesex, and,

That Joseph Shatwell the fourth be committed for high Treason to the Jail in Morristown.

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The same day, P. M.

Present,
His Excellency the Governor,
M^{r} Tallman M^{r} Condict
M^{r} Manning M^{r} Fenemore.
M^{r} Imlay,

Agreed that Abraham Thorne enter into recognizance for his appearance at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer to be held for the C^{o} of Essex, and

That Eva Morris, enter into recognizance to appear at the next Court of Q^{r} Sessions to be held in the County of Middlesex, for refusing to take the Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance.

Agreed that Finlass have leave to return into this State.

Agreed that Abijah Cheesman be committed to Middlesex Gaol for High Treason & passing counterfeit money.

26 Septr 1.778

The Council met at Princeton,

Present
His Excellency the Governor
M^{r} Manning M^{r} Buck
M^{r} Tallman M^{r} Schenk
M^{r} Imlay

Agreed that Robert Waller, Jacob Wilson, Ja^{s} Davis and Jo^{s} Wilson be committed to Morris Gaol, for High Treason, for having joined the Enemy, & now returning to the State without leave.

Agreed that Sarah Alboy, with her daughter Anne, and one large trunk & two small ones, with their wearing apparel & bed & bedding, have leave to go to New York.

That Rachel Wells, the wife of James Wells, have also leave to go to New York, having both engaged not to return into this State.

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The Council met at Princeton.

Present
His Excellency the Governor
M^{r} Condict M^{r} Schenk,
M^{r} Elmer M^{r} Hart
M^{r} Keasby M^{r} Buck

Agreed

Agreed that M^rs Reziah Lott be permitted to go to New York.

Agreed that there be paid to W^m Wick, a light horseman, for attending the Governor the sum of £17. 7. 8

And to Joseph Briton for the like service the sum of £17. 4. 2 as per their respective accounts.

Agreed that there be paid to M^r Schenk for the use of Nicholas Van Brunt, Sheriff of Monmouth, for his expenses in removing the prisoners from the Gaol of Monmouth, C^o, to that of Morris, at the time of the enemy's march thro' Monmouth & in fetching back to Monmouth those who were there to be executed, as per his account the sum of £48. 6|.

30 Septr 1.778

The Council met at Princeton,

Present,
His Excellency the Governor,
M^r Fennemore M^r Imlay
M^r Buck M^r Crane,
M^r Manning

Agreed that M^r Bowen & M^r Helmo have leave to go to New York being laid under an Injunction not to give any information relative to our Public Affairs.

2^nd Oct 1778

The Council met, at Princeton,

Present
His Excellency the Governor
M^r Schenk M^r Condict
M^r Camp M^r Imlay
M^r Manning M^r Buck

Agreed that D^r Moses Bloomfield be requested to attend the Board tomorrow morning at 8 O'clock with a list of the Physicians, Surgeons & Surgeon's mates attending at Princeton, & the number of the sick in the hospital there.

Agreed that there be paid to M^r Condict for the use of Jon^n Stiles Jun^r for attending the Governor as a light Horseman as per his a|c £8. 19. 2

Agreed that a Warrant be issued for W^m Curtis of Shrewsbury, for supplying the enemy with provisions.

3^rd October

3rd October 1.778

The Council met at Princeton.

[The Proceedings of the 3d are omitted; what follows belongs to the 7th.]

Present,
His Excellency the Governor,
M^{r} Crane, M^{r} Tallman
M^{r} Condict, M^{r} Camp
Co^{l} Drake,

Agreed that there be paid to M^{r} Condict for the use of the Constables hereinafter named, for their extraordinary services at the Court of Oyer & Terminer held in Morris County in Sept^{r} last, to wit, for James Young, Joseph Stouten, John Horton, Levi Baldwin, John Riggs, Christopher Mulford, and Ebenezer Hayward, 8 days Each, and Samuel Oliver & Isaac Pierson 7 days Each, Joseph Conger and Abraham Mansfield, 5 days c 15|. p day, amounting to, in the whole, £60. 15|.

Agreed that there be paid to M^{r} Camp, the sum of $\$14^{00}$ by him advanced to Isaac Coxe, Sergeant of the Guard at Haddonfield, in part pay for the said Guard as per M^{r} Coxe's receipt—

Agreed that there be paid to M^{r} Houston for monies advanced by him to Henry Kennedy a light horse man, in the recess of the Council of Safety, as per the said Kennedy's a|ct, & receipt the sum of £19. 15|. 9.

Agreed that the Governor draw on the Treasurer for the Council of Safety for £450.

8th October 1.778

The Council met at Princeton.

Present,
His Excellency the Governor,
M^{r} Hart M^{r} Schenk
M^{r} Camp M^{r} Tallman
Co^{l} Drake,

Agreed that there be paid to John Hart Esq^{r} for the use of Hannah Gaffin the widow of John Gaffin late belonging to Cap^{tn} Polhemius' Company in the 1st New Jersey Regiment, who died in the service at Crown Point, in the month of Aug^{t} 1.776, the sum of $\$60^{\underline{00}}$ to be by him distributed for the relief of her necessities according to his discretion;

And also that there be paid to M^{r} Hart for Cash advanced by him to M^{rs} Lott for the use of her room for the Council of Safety the 30th Aug^{t} 1.777 the sum of 15|.

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